1841-44 Family Church Record

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Union Village

Book

This is to certify that all the appointments successions & removals of Ministry Elders & Trustees & also the age — admission departure or decease of members recorded in this Book, have been transferr'd to the proper Clerk. Records for those purposes.

O. C. Hampton
Dec. 20. 1880.
Church Recorder.

April 1841.

April 27. This day a revised Edition of the Church Covenant is Executed by the Members thereof. C. Val. Betsy Hed & Mary West, also Malcham & Abigal Bell did not sign for various causes. 5 in number. ——

also Saml Luthill & Prudence P. ~~wife~~ J. These added to 146 would make 153. residing now in the Church proper, who are of lawful age. Second family 55 adults, which added make 153/55 208

May 3. Joshua L. to Blacksmithing. John Baxter to ~~do~~ driving.

May 3. Meeting of Ministry, Elders, Deacons Male and female at the Office this evening — after consultation — agree to set our standard of using sugar according to that at N. Lebanon.

May 4. Moving the large barn from the E. House & setting it on the Ministerial Lease. also building a new frame dwelling house on said Lease.

Very raw and cold for the season and we may say so generally of this Spring.

Wed. 5. Thunder & lightning & rain & seems very unnatural after cold raw East & north winds.

Thurs 6. A. C. H. Sandford Russell to Lebanon to see Dr. Charters relative to Sandford's nose.

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May

7. Very rainy cool day — very cold May
Bro. have nearly finished a very neat
Commode in the back yard at the center
with 2 apartments.

Satur 8 Fair weather.

Sab. 9. Rainy — difficult attending meeting — but
there was a general turn out. There was a
remarkable message read from the Spiritual
world — It came from the East — It seems to come
closer & closer on an evil nature. This message
is from Mother Wisdom, Written by Mother Ann.

Mond. 10 Raining. our Ministry set out P.M. at 1 o'clock
on a tour into Ky. P. Kitell & Sr. Union &
L Valentine with them as far as Cincinnati.

" 11. Raise a 2 story frame dwelling on the Min. lease

Thurs. 13. Raise a Barn on the Ministerial lease, that was torne
down at the East House recently; 50 by 36. 2 new cills.

" " Raise a small frame at the centre — 1st order
a few steps East by north of the Brick washhouse.
for a dye shop &c. Cool weather. fires needed.

Frid. 14 Wash our sheep.

Sat. 15 Some frost — remarkable cold spring. woolen clothes
Poor blind man & wife at the office last night. (worse yet.

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16 Gov. Corwin pays us a visit to day at the Off. takes dinner

May. 16 Sab. A little warmer. – Catharine Brady at the point of death.

Mon. 17. Catharine J. Brady deceased this morning 20 min. after 4 oclock; of Scrofula pulmonalis. Aged 14 years & a few months – say 4 Months. A very promising faithful girl; – loss much regretted. Quite a warm pleasant morning, for a change from several successive small frosts. The warmest day this spring by all odds.

Tues. 18. Catharines funeral attended; – quite solemn appeals and warnings to the youth & children. P.M. Shearing sheep. – also furrowing over the corn ground for replanting. – nearly all that was planted about the 20th & 25th april perished by wet &c. This Evening about 5 Oclock, Jefferson Shannon from S. Union arrives here

Wed. 19. Commences visiting.

20 Thurs. Finish shearing the sheep to day.

Sat. 22 A smart shower this afternoon.

Sab. 23. Tolerable lively Chh. meeting. – Jefferson Shannon gives & receives love &c.

Mon. 24 Daniel Boyd & Jefferson to Cincin. & Pittsg. & Economy &c.

Tues 25 Nothing very particular now a days.

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2nd.
May 28 Very warm, — We have had a number of
(Thermom 90° to day) days of fine weather. Drawing in Tan bark
making fence — ploughing &c. &c.
Sat. 29. Warm & dry — Tan bark mostly got in —
Sab. 30. A little cooler. Tho' a pretty hot Chh. meeting.
Mon 31. Warm and dry. Mowing door yards.

June

June 1841.

Tues. 1st Threatens rain — none yet. Door yards cut.
Wed. 2. A slight shower this evening. Warm.
Thurs. 3. Warm & dry — White washing at the Centre
Fred. 4. Garret Rooms & hall white washed &c. &c.
Sat. 5 Very hot. have been looking for a letter
from our Ministry for a week or 2, but
get none yet. 98 deg. heat. Daniel
Boyd returns from Pittsg. in the night.
Sabb. 6 — Meeting as usual — Extremely hot. 96° to 100° — no sleeping for heat scarcely
Mond. 7. Letter from our Ministry from S. Union.
Monstrous hot & suffocative. — Water begins
to fail in some of our wells. mercury 96 or 8.
Tues. 8. Hot and dry. 96°. Vegetation suffering.
Building a new fashioned fence South & East
of the School houses.

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and laying earthen pikes across the street near our White Shop to carry off the collected drains into the orchard.

Wed 9. Clear and hot 98° or upwards

Thurs. 10. Vegetation suffers. - mercury 90°.

Frid. 11. Dry & hot as usual, mercury 98 to 100°. & so it goes

Sat. 12 Excessively hot. Mercury 100. wind blows at that

Sab. 13 Foggy - hopes of rain - ~~Rains moderately~~ Gentle showers this evening - Every body glad - much more needed.

Mon. 14. Cloudy - cooler, - agreeable change. working on the roads beyond the canal. David Corey's team run away.

Tues 15. Working on the road, clear & some cooler

Wed. 16. cool morning - fair day. Jacob Holloway, Mary Spining & Polly Clark Jr. return from a visit to White Water yesterday, Samuel Losey, - a boy aged 12 years old past came to the Office last Sabbath 13th to day 16th he opened his mind and we admitted him to the 1st order centre to have with Rivers

Thurs. 17. some signs of rain, but very little falls.

Frid 18. For 2 nights past it rained a small trifle in the night

Julia's School ends to day for the present season.

Satur. 19. It has commenced raining since I began to write these lines - good speed to it - alas! how soon it stops. all over.

1841. June

June 20 Sab. Pretty large assembly of world at meeting
Mon. 21. Rumours of rain; — Nothing come but a mere show or
Tues. 22 A pleasant Shower this afternoon, but not
enough to melt even the hard clods. We hear
distressing accounts of the drought in different
sections of the country — Dayton — Columbus &c. &c.
But it is bad enough at home; — Cornfields show
none too green for May — Meadows, like a shadow.
Just about a month ago (22. May) we had a legal shower here of,
Wed. 23. A gentle Shower to day, but it will take
several such to satiate the parched, cracked Earth
Harvest Commence mowing to day, Whitewash the kitchen
Thurs. 24 We have had an excellent little rain to day, the
parched Earth begins to smile again.
Frid. 25 Fine rain this afternoon. D. Boyd & Elijah to Cincin.
Satur. 26. Ministry returns home from Kentucky;
having been absent 7 weeks lacking a day or two.
Sab. 27. Meeting as usual: some loss from Ky. &c.
Mon. 28. Dry and warm again
Tues 29. Daniel Davis — E. S. Mary H. Marish Sear.
and Paterner N. to Waterville visiting
Wed. 30. Nothing particular

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July 1. Thurs. Threatens rain. Visitors return home from W.V.

Frid. 2. Elders from Waterville arrive - viz E. Benjamin D. James Ball, E. Sr. Eunice B. & Matilda Wms. Fine rain - badly needed. Wm. Davis Jr. has a monstrous sore mouth & swelled face. —

Sabb. 4 Meeting - E. Freegift Read extracts of letters from the East relative to collecting and copying our sacred manuscripts. A. C. H. appointed to attend to this labor. Chh. Meeting pretty warm.

Mond. 5 Garner McNeman deceased this morning half past 5 of Palsy and old age.
Henry Valentine returns from White Water accompanied by E. Archibald.

Thurs. 8 " Elder Archibald returns home & Thomas Hunt goes with him to take a visit.

Sab. 11. Fine rains to day. Meeting usual. - Waking up ministrations pretty strong.

Tues. 13. Very warm Mercury 96° to 98°
Brethren about finish mowing their last crop.

July 1841.

Wed. 14. Hot as mustard — sleepless hot.
North Union ministry arrive to day on a visit. Viz Elder Samuel Russell. Eldress Polly Tony & Rachel Russell. accompanied by Oliver Wheeler. — Thomas Hunt returns home from White Water.

Thurs. Frid. 15 & 16. nothing special.

Sat. 17. Harvest about over; and the scantest one we have witnessed, perhaps since we got our farm opened.

Sab. 18. Good Chh. Meeting — North U. Ministry attend considerable of Exercise & message.
A horse & Buggy ran away with a couple of youngsters to day, after they started for home. — one, Leonard Peckinpaugh jumped out and got his leg broken — he was carried to the office; and we with the Doctor's assistance placed & bound it up & he went home same Evening. It looked like just retribution on these youngsters; it is said they went from Meeting mocking. —

Mon. 19. Brethren commence a new penstock to the Grist Mill. also putting in a connecting piece of metal tube.

July 1841.

Frid. 23 Hot, dry weather. It is said the mercury rose this afternoon to 106°.

Sat. 24 Quite warm 96°. or more. To day a meeting of the Ministry and Elders of the chh. agree to set the use of tea & coffee to the standard adopted at New Lebanon. The coffee was however, ~~was~~ finally left unchanged.

Sab. 25 The N. Union Ministry took their farewell and leave of us in to day's chh. meeting, I learn they felt quite affected & some of them even to tears. The writer was not at meeting been quite ill of a bowel complaint. It rained smartly to day.

Tues. 27 North Union ministry set off for home this morng Second order visitors return from W.W. Philips & Co.

Thurs. 29. Br. John M. – Ashbel & a few of the boys caught 10 or 12 Bushels of fish at the canal opposite our Cands.

Frid. 30. Br. John Martin – Sr. Lucy Faith & Julia Hampton go to W. Vliet – Return Sat. ~~the~~ 31st

~~Mon.~~

August 1841.

Mond. 2. Br. John Martin. Jas. M.N – P.F. Antes. Levi M.N. Wm Redman – T. Bonnel – Aaron B. – and Amos B. set out for waterviet to help them shingle some Buildings.

August 1841.

Tues. 3 Eldership arrive from W. Water (Excepting Elder Archibald.)

Sabb. 8. Fine rain — Great relief to Vegetation.

Mon. 9" Young Order of Believers at the West, sign their covenant to day

Tues. 10. E. Br. Edmund & Br. Micajah arrived here this afternoon — from their tour to the East.
Brethren raising the overfall of S. mill higher.

Mond. 16. Early this morning Lewis Valentine, with a carriage, conveys E. B. Edmund & Micajah B as far as Cincin. on their way home.

Tues. 17. Elijah Davis of the 2d Family dec. this afternoon at 20 minutes befor 3 oclock; of old age & infirmity.
Very hot weather. Mercury up to 90 @ 96.

Friday 20. Brethren rehang our large Bell.
We have had several days of distressing hot weather ranging from 90 to 96 in the heat of the day.

Mond. 23. David Corey and C. Campbell to White Water
David goes to help them about setting Brick kiln.

Aug. 1841.

Tues. 24. Elder G. Rougon, Sam^l. Jackson, Elderess P. Carnahan and Eliza Byram arrive here from P. Hill, via, W. Waters.

Sat. 28 Wrote a letter to H. L. Eades, and another to J. Wood N. Lebanon.

Sabb. 29. Very pleasant Chh. meeting with our P. Hill visitors.

Mond. 30. P. Hill visitors go to W. Vliet.

September 1841

Tues. 7. Our Pleasant Hill visitors set out for home this morning; accompanied on a piece by a carriage load of our people. The visiters appear to be higly pleased with their visit all around. and we believe that we all feel just the same.

Wed. 8 D. Corey & D. Sering set out for White Water with a machine to press brick. D. Sering maker.

Thurs. 9 Unusual hot weather now a days for the time of year. Mercury rises from 90° to 93°. H.

Tues. 14. R. W. Pelham, Joshua G. Mary B. Polly Hunt, S. Redman & M. Sockwood start on a visit to White Water.

September 1841.

Tues. 14th This Evening arrived from South Union via. P. Hill & White Water. Wm. Rice, William Rankin, Sara. Robinson & Sally McComb. all in good health. accomp.d from W. Water by D. Sering

Satur. 18. D. Sering & S. Russell, bring home from Dayton a new Engine Lathe. price $270.00. —— Raised a Wood house, East of Centre Kitchen.

Tues. 21st S. Union Visitors to Water Vliet — Return here Tues. 23. — Rainy Weather

Frid. 24th Our Ministry to W. Vliet on a visit. Misty & cloudy.

Sabb. 26th Had a pleasant Meeting with our South Union friends — took leave — sent much love &c.

Tues. 28th Our good S. Union friends set out for home this morning via. P. Hill. We have a very delightful visit with and they express their satisfaction in unmeasured terms.

Sept. 30. Jane Sering dec.d this morning about 3 o'clock, of Bronchial Consumption.

October 1841.

Sat 9th The chh. kept to day as Sabbath preparatory to M. Wisdoms visitation.

Sab. 10. A wonderful Visitation — it is protracted from day to day.

Mon. 11 Elder Archibald arrives here this evening

Tues. 12. Mothers Visit in the chh. was concluded to day

Sat. 16th A. G. Houston finished the Sacred Records to day. 500 pages 4 months

Mon. 18 Br. John Martin & Lewis Valentine set out for N. Lebanon via. N. Union. Elijah G. takes as far as Hebron by Land.
A. G. H. went to Lebanon to day & got his patent Book & Instruments for cutting clothes. &c.

Tues. 21. Remarkable gift from M. Wisdom to Inspired Instr. Anointing &c.

Thurs. 21 Br. Elijah Galloway returns from Columbus where he parted with Br. John & Lewis — got home late this eve.

Wednes 27. Finished Sodding the Mill dam
Raised a hog Sty at 2nd. order about this time.

Sat. 30. Andrew Went to White Water to cut a lot of drab coats — Cut 16 coats — 2 jacket and several patterns — fixed & showed. & also visited some and returned Sound on Saturday 6th Nov.

November 1841.

Wed. 3. Watervliet visiters Return home; viz. Wm. Philips, M. Eastwood – M.A. Duffy J. Aspenall, P.A. Wallace & P.J. Tucker, they came the 29th Oct. 1841.

Mond. 8" Hauling tanbark & salt from Canal

Tues. 9" Andrew to Cincin. with D. Corey, – returned next day.

Wed. 17. Brethren gathering corn – goes on prosperously corn very good, tho' perhaps not so heavy as some season's crops.
Nothing unusual occurs now-a-days, Expt it be more than usual health & blessing. Br. Nathaniel T. and Henry V. are exceptions to good health at this time; may God help them.?!

Nov. Sat 20. Raising 2d. families Saw mill; did not finish

Mond. 22 finish raising Mill frame.

Nov. 1841.

Wed. 24. Brethren packing Beef.

Thurs. 25. Henry Valentine removes to Centre House room

Frid. 26. Snow flying — damp wet weather.

Satur. 27. Henry Valentine was tapped for dropsy to day by Drs. Charters & Starbuck and drew off about 5 Gallons (40 lbs) of serous watery matter resembling mucilage of Slippery Elm bark. ~~scratches~~

Ibid. Br. John Martin & Lewis Valentine arrived home from their journey East by the Southern route.

Mon. 29. A. C. H. laid aside tobacco this Evening

December

Wed. 1. Ministry to White Water accompanied by E. Sister Caty and M. A. Jennings

Thurs. 2. Thanksgiving day — had family meeting Micajah Burnett arrived here this evening to spend some time with us & help us construct a planing Machine.

December 1847

Sabb. 5. Good chh. meeting — much exercise
Received love from Micajah — from
Pleasant hill

Tues. 7. Ministry & co. return from W. Waters

Frid. 10. Six Brn. from White Water arrive
with 80 hogs — Return home Mond. 13
we have 2 warm meetings with them
viz. Saturday eve & Sab. day.

Friday 17. Henry Valentine tapped again
for Dropsy — drew nearly 3 gals
of fluid.

Wednes. 22d David Spining departed this
life this morning about one oclock
of Consumption.

Frid. 24 Henry Valentine decd rather
dec. 15m after 5 oclock suddenly, having been ill of visceral disease a considerable time
terminated in dropsy.

January 1842

10½ Bls. dried peaches arrive from S. U.

Jan. 8. Harvey Eades arrives from South Union alone, via. Louisville & Cincin.

14 Mary Ann Jennings from 2d. family to the centre.

Tues. 18. Wm. Mc F. & T. Hilton to the 1st order.

Wed. 19. Mary West dec'd. this morning about 6 o'clock. — Of Paralisis & protracted illness — general decay. Æ. aged 70.

22 Lovina Woods — a girl ~~for~~ 10 or 11 years old taken out of the word at the N. House.

February 1842

Thurs 3. Ithamer returns home from W. Visit

Frid. 4. A. H. has finished cutting Drab coats & Jackets for 2d. Fam. & Young orders.

Sat. 5. E. Freegift, E. Sally S. Harvey Eades & M. A. Jennings set out for S. Union via. Louisville

Mond. 7. Ithamer, ~~John~~ Miller, Micajah Burnett & D. Boyd to Watervliet

D. Boyd goes on up the canal

Feb. 1842

7th Wm Philips & Isaac Naylor. from Waterbliet to day

Sat. 5. a little girl 12 years old named Eliz. M. A. Blowers came here for admission and was received at the N. House

Tues. 8 Very windy & cold. mercury feel to 4 above 0. coldest day we have had this Winter as yet.

Tues. 15 Little John Proctor removed from the West to the North house chh.

Ib. Andrew J. Blowers, and his brother a few days after, a little boy, was admitted also at the north to day. Thus, a children's or boy's order commenced now at the North. Chauncy — Caretaker.

Wed. 16 Last night we had a pretty deep snow fall.

Sab. 20, Nathaniel Taylor dec'd. last night about ½ past one o'cl. of Inflammation of Stomach

Feb. 1842

Sab. 27 Our Ministry arrive Return home this afternoon from S. Union, accompanied by Br. Harvey L. Eades.

March 1842

Thurs. 3. 2 little Boys by the name of West were taken into the chh. to day – North house.

Mond 7. H. L. Eades sets out for Pleasant Hill — thence to S. Union.

Tues 8. Micajah Burnett & Matthew Houston (accomp. by Daniel Boyd to cincin.) set out for P. Hill. The planing machine for half bushels & oval Boxes is now completed — also a machine to cut out oval box heading. And a buzz saw for slitting out boards upon the best Eastern plan is also nearly completed. also 2 boys named Mecum came here yesterday to ask admission into the Society for themselves, ~~brother~~ & other children. to day the boys return home accomp'd by Jas. McN. & Ethamer, & return back this evening again to remain & brought one of their little sisters

March 1842

Sat. 12 Richard W. Pellham removes to the 2d. family to day. And Abiathar B. removes from 2d fam. and occupies the medical department. Andrew retired [illegible] Findley Shaffer commenced Dec. 3 - 1832. removes into the house from the boy's order - & goes to work at the carpenters trade.

We have just learnt that Pugh's Extensive Pork house at Cincin. are mainly consumed by fire, and all our Pork, lard & hams probably destroyed as it was stored at Pugh's. (O! O! O!)

Sab. 13 To day, Mother Dun paid her last visit to the church in this place, before she ascends again to the heavens. She gave us her parting blessing in 2 or 3 pretty lengthy addresses thro' her Instrument. The sermon was sublime & deeply affecting. - The assembly appeared to be immensally bathed in tears. There were several Inspired ones who bore witness to Mothers person

March 1842.

Tues. 15. Gideon Hughes removes from the Gathering Order to the Office chh. takes George Legit's calling — and George removes into the family dwelling

Frid 18. E. Archibald, E. Emmes & 2 other Brs. here making Bonnets

Sat. 19 Mercury up to 80 above 0. — Warm. We have learnt some days since the pork Lard, hams &c. are safe either by escape or Insurance. Craig M. dec.d about 6. A. M. V

Sab. 20 20. Peach Trees blossoming Pulmonic disease.

Mon. 21. Continues Warm. Like for rain

Hooping or Whooping cough pervades the chh. Influenza as well as

Wed. 23. Ministry to Waterviet.

Sab. 27. Reasin Wilson is here on a visit — he seems to be a singularly clever Methodist man

Mond. 26. White Water Sisters return home.

Tues 29. Ministry return from Waters Vliet. opening of this season is about a month earlier than usual.

April 2 Little Charles Henry West admitted into the 1st order

April. April 3d. 1842.

Sab. 3d. A message read from the Spiritual world, circumscribing & cutting off the use of any kind of strong drink, Tobacco, Pork, Tea & coffee; under different degrees & modifications.

" 6. Apple Trees in beautiful bloom — cherry & peach trees have passed through their days of beauty.

" Dry weather.

" 8. Looking out a site for a brick yard.

" 9" Righting, & repairing our wood sheds at the back side of Brick shop: &c

Sabb. 10. This morning we ceased (in general) the use of all such luxuries as tea & coffee, tobacco strong drink, (the latter we had long before) and use one half less of Pork, Sard to.

" " Ezra Sherwood hire from White Water.

" " Rains some to day. Meeting at home

" 12 Rainy. Lewis Valentine release from his Trusteeship — yet remains at the Office as usual. Inability cause

Apr. April 1842

Sab. 17. Rain from the N. East — quite steady all day — meeting at house.

" 18 Brethren commence making a shed for a brick Kiln, 114 ft. long.
Dandelion seed are flying this week.

" 23. Elias Tracy & wife, bring, & leave their 2 little girls Susanna & Elta: they are placed in the Second Order binds them 25 ct

" 25 Joseph Pray binds 2 of his daughter to the Ch. Mary & Catharine — they go to the Dole
Preparations for brick making progresses briskly.

" 28. Some frost last night — nipped tender a little things.

30. Sab. Mould a few thousand brick for a beginning.

May. 2. Pretty hard rain last night, with thunder and lightning — about one oclock we saw a large light in the South — On Enquiry we learnt that A. Robasco's new frame barn was set on fire by lightning and consumed.
much rain to day, Waters getting quite high.

May
1842 6. William Derbike arrives here from Pleasant Hill.

" 3. Andrew C. Houston goes to Cincinnati to get a boy that his mother has offered. His name — Thos. Tillepow — Born A.D. 1831. Dec. 18th. Daniel Boyd & David Corey went down same time. Returned on the 4th brot. the boy, — placed him at Center,

" 5 Patsey Carson arrives at the Office sick. Desires a privilege and has since been allowed to open her mind.

" 5 Elder Br. Jas. Darrow arrives from W. Vlist.

6. Elderses Eunice Sering & Louisa Farn & Th. agree here. Returns on the 9th accompanied by Wm. Derbike. — Wm N. B. returns here on the 11th

" 9. Our Ministry set out for Cincin. this morning at 3 oclock, on their way to New Lebanon; D. Corey takes them to Cincin. and D. Boyd accompanies them to Pitts.burgh.

" 11. Brethren commence Shearing Sheep. finishin 2 days

" 12 To day the Brick makers are so far fixed, that 2 moulders can work, but all is not right yet.

" Sat. 14. a committee examine the brick to day, & conclude to try next week for further skill to assist us.

May
1842.

" 15 Sab. We had a very good Church meeting to day. A good deal of power & exercised, and several messages from the Spiritual world.

" " Dan'l. Boyd arrives home from Pitts.g.

" " 16. Daniel Sering, John Baxter & Andrew Ch. go a little trip around the country to see a brick yard, & Employ a moulder of said brick, a short time, if possible.

" " Wm Verbrike to P. Hill via white water—

" 21. Patsey Carson removes from the Office (where she had been since the 5th Inst.) to the centre room to be taken care of in her sickness. (She left the chh. in july — 1833.)

[redacted] Bad weather for Brick making.—

" 27. Clears off after a long spell of Rainy cool weather. — Fear it will not be clear long.

" Ithamar & Andrew to Blowers' on little miami to get his children bound &c.

" " Vast of Tan Bark hauling in from various places to our yard — come a good ways — very much pushed to get a little money, these hard times

May 1842 29th. Had a good church meeting – considerable exercise & power among the younger class. – some few messages: A present from Father Joseph to to his class, (all under 30) of little boxes of the fear of God & – they were to take a portion out of these boxes every morning as soon as they got up, and before speaking to any one; if they would do so they should feel an increase of the power & gift of God the next time they met in the meeting house. 16. —

30. Wrote a letter to our Ministry at the East. Rec'd. one from them Sat. 28th.

June.

2. Elder Archibald & Allen Agnew arrive from White Water. – Return home 4th.

3. Rained some last night.
Centre door yard mowed

Sab. 5. Rained a little last night. – Thomas Lilefrow's mother came here to day.

Tues. 7. Cool north East wind, cold to day & yesterday Office Door yard mowed.

Wed. 8. Rained last Evening, & in the night. cool.

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June. ~~[illegible]~~

Fri 10. Cool north & East winds, too cool for the season.

Sat. 11. cool night with wind, some frost at that, to day looks fair but cool. We are paying for our early Spring.

" " Nancy Selah & 7 children removed to West to day.

~~[illegible]~~

Thurs. 14. ~~the gathering on last Sat 11th.~~ To day her 3 children Mary ann, James & John are admitted at the North h. chh. Oldest aged about 7 years.

" " This evening 2 youths came to the Office to see believers, intending to remain if they like &c. taken to the West — Names, John Blowers & Thos. Coughran.

Wed. 15 planted our latest potatoes to day.

" A few stone for cellar wall begin to be hauled ~~in~~ this week by one Wilson - 10 miles distant. — Intended for the Great centre house. Also — Slit out some pine for sash for said house.

Satur. 25 Summer Weather. — Ministry arrived home from New Lebanon this afternoon in health,

1842

June 25. Brother Joh has brought a little boy home with him from North Union, named Joseph McDaid. He is admitted into the centre family as a Resident.

June 27. Harvest commences to day – heavy rain last evening, at least, a good shower.

Tues. 28. Elder Freegift gave up the plan of the building he had proposed for the centre house; – and delegated the whole matter to the Elders & Deacons of the chh. this evening. Elder Br. Stephen appointed James McNemar, Daniel Spring, Abner Bedle & Andrew C. H. a committee to draft a plan as soon as possible & present it for further consideration.

Thurs. 30. This evening a meeting of the Elders & Deacons of the church & several others, were called to examine the plan & draft of a new centre house, and it met with a general & hearty approval.

1842.

July 1. Daniel, Abner & Andrew made out the Bill of timbers for the New centre house to day. Rain: — Ruining much hay.

Sab. 3. Hard shower in time of chh. meeting to day. We had a good deal of substantial

" 4 instruction read in meeting to day by Elder Freegift; It was given by Inspiration at Harvard from Mother Wisdom. — Several other gifts of a simplifying character were given out by the ministry that were sent to us from the East. — We also received a gift this morning by Inspiration (given the evening before) for all to bow when they enter the meeting house, facing towards the centre, where an Angel has taken his stand who is sent by the Savior from the Holy mount to remain & minister to us for seven weeks; after which, another Angel more powerful than he is to take his place.

" 4 Last night, in the course of the night, there was an Aurora Borealis seen in

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July 4. the form of a belt or Zone, extending from N. W. to N. E. The light was of a whitish hue — not reddish.

To day, notwithstanding the late shower of rain yesterday, the hemisphere is obscured with a thick mist of some kind resembling smoke; the sun is Red, & no clouds scarcely to be seen. Query? Does vapor cause the sun to appear deep Red? Or, does smoke arise in such a dense mass immediately after hard rains?

" 2d. James Mc. N. & Andrew C. H. fixing for wool-coming — James making a pair of new combs.

" 5 Harriet Tracy, a child, admitted at the 2d. order.

" 5. Andrew C. H. & Henry Jarvis commence wool-combing to day. We have just got a newly contrived stove with earthen sides for heating combs. — We have had the heaviest rain this afternoon that has fallen since last Spring early; it has raised the pond considerably. James Mc. N. goes to combing wool 2 or 3 days after Andrew & Henry.

1842.

July " Ithamar to White Water on business.

8. David Corey brings a little girl from Cincin. named Mary and Roy, aged 8 years in June 1842. Of course born in June 1834. Placed to live in the 2d. order the same evening.

Sab. 10. Many gifts and requirements in meeting to day. – Walk up & down the alley 1 or 2 at a time, hands crossed & ask for a portion of the gifts brought from the Holy mount; & several messages & presents administered that came from the East. Considerable of reading also.
Weather clears off, after a long leaky, rainy time.

" 11 Resolved this evening to commence pressing brick after harvest for the outside work of the new centre house we are making brick for.

" 12 Danl. Boyd to Cincin. to buy pine boards to make more shed at the brick yard.

" 13. Excellent harvest weather

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July 18. Harvesting goes on pretty well; excellent
111 weather continues. James Mc.N. & A.G.K.
& Co. driving on the wool combing.

" An Advertisement Written to inform
the World that Public Meetings in
this Society would be discontinued for
a season, & probably for ~~the~~ a year or
more to come. — Sent to the Star Office
for Publication

" 18 To day we received a gift from the Savior
thro' an Inspired one: Viz. That at ½ past
6, P.M. he would come and visit or view
us in our respective places & callings; &
at 7, P.M. he required all to be in their
rooms sitting upright in 2 strait rows
facing East & West; and that 2 brethren
should accompany him to every room to
visit & notice all & every one, &c. This
was done by Br. Ashbel & Lewis walking
tip toed. After which we met in the
meeting room & closed this solemn per-
formance. at which time we were

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July 16. informed by the Savior's little angel thro' an Inspired one, what gifts the Savior had bestowed on us; viz Faith, charity and wisdom &c & that altho the Savior had visited us in silence this time, yet he would often visit us hereafter & minister gifts to us &c. &c. &c. -
Some supernatural gifts attended their meeting at the North house this evening; & it is said at the 2d order also. [& A beautiful song was got at the North this eve.]

21. Danl. Boyd & D. Sering to cincin. to get insight into Brick pressing &c. - they go in Daniel's new carriage with Eliptic Springs - just brought home from the coach maker's a few days ago.

23 Elder Sister Mary Hopkins released from her lot of care as 1st Elder Sister in the 1st family, and Sister Lucy Faith appointed in her room — took place this evening. approved by general assent.

24. We had an excellent meeting to day, much power and many gifts of inspiration delivered. The Savior & many others attended & gave gifts &c. &c.

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July 30. Finished wool combing.— Total of wool 420 lbs. worsted 234 lbs. This was all for the 1st order — centre & north L. Centre, 212 of wool — of worsted 125. North. 204. do. — of do. 104. 416 229 Tot. Harvesting nearly closed.

Sab. 31. To day we had an unusual outpouring of the Spirit; there was speaking in an unknown tongue — and its interpretation by another. There were various exercises and many important messages & communications & undeniable proofs of poiverful inspiration there were 4 or 5 new songs sung by those under Inspiration. Many of the Abrahams, & ancient patriarchs & apostles were present & danced & played during the singing. H. H.

August. 1. Mond. Last night & this morn was very cool for the season; it is said there was frost in different parts of the neighborhood.

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Aug. 2 Continues very cool for the season, fire is quite agreeable of mornings.

" 3. Harvest is closed to day;= We have an unusually large crop of wheat & oats this season, besides a pretty generous supply of hay.

4 Commenced working at brick yard again.

Sab. 7 To day we have had 2 meetings at the meeting house - had much reading of Inspird messages Given at the last, afternoon meeting was quite spiritual and edifying - much exercise - some involuntary;- several messages from heaven.- 2 or 3 went into trance. One, a little girl- La. Naco was in trance some hours and learnt 2 new songs with words from the Angels.

This morning an advertisement was set up inside of each gate Respectively, at the Meeting house and office, being the will revealed will of the Savior requiring the world not to intrude on the Society during a term (not certainly specified) of returning from the world.

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August
Tues. 9. Daniel Boyd & Andrew C. Hs. go to Cincin, on business — Return on the 10th.
Brethren have commenced pressing brick; make out pretty well: They are pressed on a new machine, made on the compound lever principle

Thurs. 11. Ministry set out for White Water on a visit.
" " WaterVliet Elders arrive this Evening.

Sat. 13. Blowers came here to day, & under false pretenses took away his 2 boys that he bound to the Trustees; pretending that their Mother was sick & like to die.
This Evening we had an unusual display of the power of God among the youth girls & children, quite remarkable & powerful operations.

Sab. 14. To day our Chh. meeting was attended with the mighty power of God there were many among the young that were exercised in an extraordinary manner, as well as several older ones.
There was a shower of new songs given, & several learnt. O what a blessing we have felt to day

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Aug. 14 The Elders from Waterviet attended meeting with us to day, & enjoyed with us the blessings of heavenly things. After meeting they started for the 2d. family — thus far homeward.

Wed. 17. Ministry return home from White water, where they have made many important changes in the leadship of the Society. E. Archibald returns to the East, and Elder Eunice is to return home to N. Y. N. H.

Sab. 21. Chh. meeting was good & entertaining: We had 2 chapters read out of a Book of revelation, received at Harvard Mass. besides we had supernatural gifts & exercises in the meeting. Some went into trance & sung a number of heavenly songs.

Tues. 23. Isaac J. Liddle absconded this afternoon.

wed. 24 Andrew & John Ross absconded. All 3 of the 2d. order. Bound boys.

Thurs 25. Ministry go to Waterviet, & return the 30th.

Frid 26 George Jones absconded from the 2d. order to day another bound boy.

" 31 Wm Miller and Jasper Tracy absconded and were found & brought home: also of the 2d. order

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Sept. 1. To day is the beginning of the days of separation from the world, which are is to continue till the 25th Dec.

" 3. Hands sticking up poplar joice at the canal for the new house.

" 4. Sab. To day we had a lively & prevegful Chh. meeting. Bodily operations have increas'd very much of late, especially among the young sisters.

Tues. 6 Patsey Carson deceased this evening ½ past 9 oclock of consumption.

Frid. 9. Pleasant Hill ministry arrive here on a visit &.

10. Mercury 94 deg.

Sab. 11. Had a chh. meeting to day, attended by our Pleas. Hill Ministry; It abounded with a good deal of heavenly fire & Inspiration. Heat, 94 Deg.

Sab. 18. Had a pretty good meeting with our P. Hill ministry. Young order & D. fam. had meeting to day.

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~~Sept. 18~~ in the meeting house. We received a gift thro' Mother Ruth, as the will of the Savior, that, for the coming week we should bow to the Elders when ever we met them; in token of our desires to receive a portion of the heavenly blessings that were at hand for us. This gift is very mortifying to Elders as well as members, but is taken hold of pretty cheerfully: The Elders return the compliment to the members of choice.

Mon. 19. Jas. Ball & Jethro Boyd arrive from Waterviet, it is said, to get help about moving some houses.

Tues. 20. P. Hill Ministry start home this morning with hearts both joyful & heavy, we should think. The visit we think has been reciprocally comfortable.

Last evening the chh. met at the meeting house at 8 o'clock, and heard some heavy messages from Mother Wisdom & The Lord Jehovah: Purification is loudly called for, and the hypocrite & sin-coverer are threatened with judgments & separation from Zion.

Sep. 1842.

Tues. 20. Father Joseph's Class had a privilege of having meeting together this evening; as a commencement of their having a weekly meeting in the Meeting house on Tuesday evenings. They had an extraordinary meeting this evening — great exercises & freedom indeed. —

Wed. 21 North Union Elders arrive here viz. E. Br. Pomroy, Jas. Prescott, E. Sr. Susanna Sawyer & Permelia Sorry.

Thurs. 22. Elder John Rankin & Br. Matthew Houston arrive from S. Union. Fine Weather

Tues. 27 Father Joseph's class had a beautiful meeting of freedom & exercise. N. Union Elders attended.

Thurs. 29. Elder John Rankin starts for home.

2d Susanna Brady received a pretty Anthem in vision to day

October. 2d. Sab. We had a comfortable meeting with our North Union Elders to day, and take our farewell with them. They seem to feel blessed to the full.

Mon. 3. N. Union Elders start for home via Waterliet.

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Oct. 4. Elderess Eunice Sering has removed home
Tues. to N. Village, from White Water Village,
where she has resided since May 24th 1828.
She finds her home [redacted] in the 1st order of
the church (centre House.) Ebenezer Rice
Ephraim Frost, Sarepta Kinmon & Lucy
Eastabrooks came in company with E. Eunice,
& return home again on Thurs. 6th Inst.

Wed. 5. A boy about 11 years old came here to day
by leave from his Father, to see if he would
like to live with us; he wants to stay the week
out. His name is John Weaver.

Sab. 9. We have some pretty heavy messages now-
a-days. Thorough purgation is imperatively called
for by Eternal Mother Wisdom.

Mon. 10. A remarkable spiritual feast was held this
evening at the meeting house at 7 o'c. by previous
appointment of Mother Wisdom. Each family march
to the meeting house in columns 4 deep, singing the
march — Bi-o-le-van-der, van-der oo, & enjoy salva-
tion &c. There was a great power of heaven attended

October 1842

10. 26. The Holy Savior & 7 of the most powerful angels of heaven attended. Father David & Mother Ruth died, & how many more we know not. It is a time of heavy tribulation with a number; Jerusalem is being searched & tried as with lighted candles. For further accounts of this marvelous feast, see other records & messages. It lasted till ½ past 10 night.

Thurs. 13. Set our Brick kiln on fire this morning. 400.000.

17 ~~Eunice P. Patterson released from the 1st order deacon's~~ Eunice P. Patterson released from the 1st order deacon's; 1st order centre. Lovina Rollins appointed. ~~in the 1st order, Lovina Rollins appointed.~~

Tues. 18. Finish burning Brick kiln this evening at 10 o'clock. Thought to be well done, & very quick.

21. Brother John Martin goes to White Water. — Returns home on the 26th.

H. A. C. Houston — writing Covenants for White Water & Waterloo; recently wrote one for North Union O.C.

26. Received a letter from N. Union Elders, — to Elders 1st order Delightful fine fair weather

Satur. 29. Norman Turner, a boy from the Young order removes to the Centre to work at Shoemaking.

Mon. 31. James Brady & Wm. Miller, 2 boys from the 2d order go to learning the tailor's trade with Br. I. Tuthill.

1842.
November.

Tues. 1. Nancy Blowers brings back the 2 boys, Nathan & Harrison, whom their Father illegally took away & detained since 13th aug. last. Fine warm weather.

Tues. 8. Hands commenced Corn harvest, — unfavorable weather.

Sat. 12 Wm Runyon of 2d. family dec.d.

Sat. 19. Desperate windy cold weather, & has been for 2 or 3 days past. Corn gathering suspended.

Wed. 30. We have had very cold weather for several weeks past. Mercury fell quite low, some places below 0,

December. ——— and but little above with us. —

1842. 2d. Clear & thawy, after a long spell of real Winter.

Sat. 3. Brethren finish a heavy job of Butchering and packing Beef; — 95 beeves were slaughtered and mostly packed for sale — 220 barrels. Killed & packed eleven ~~Beeves~~ Beeves for 2d. family — 31 Barrels. —— our tallow — near 9 thousand lbs.

December 1842

Mon. 5 Joiners commence making window frames for new gr. house however, 2 flax breaks are also building!!!
We had some rain yesterday (Sab.) & last night—
Warm & cloudy. Br. John laying stone walks
East of meeting house. has already laid strings
at each end & round the front corners of M. house.

Thurs. 8. Ministry start to White water — Rainy morning.
(Daniel Boyd & D. Corey to Cincinnati) Return Mon. 16th.
" Male School taken up to day — Julius
Crosby is appointed teacher in the room of
Oliver Hampton — Oliver is to work out this
winter with 4 of his largest boys, & school them
evenings & mornings.

Mond. 12 James Ball arrives with 6 box stoves
from Dayton
Tues. 13 John Reed brings word last night that
Elder Sr. Ennice Bedle deceased the same
Evening (12) about 5 o'clock.
" " Andrew C. H. cutting coats & jackets at the
West, Drab. factory work of Springborough.

December 1842.

Tues. 20 To day there were a number of removals took place in the Chh. & 2d Jam, — Having been previously arranged by the proper authority. Viz: Elder Brother Eli Houston removes from the 2d Jam and takes the 1st lot at the North house — Daniel Davis is removed out of the Eldership at the N. h.s 2d and James Mc. Nemar falls back into Daniel's place & Elder Br. Eli takes James' as first. Philip F. Antes is removed from the 2d lot in the Eldership 2d. order & removes to the centre h. and Wm. N. Redman removes from the N. house and fills his place with E. Br. Joseph; — Augustus Tiberghien also removes from the centre to 2d. order, Sanford Russell & Thos. B. Hylton removed from the centre house to the North house. —

At the 2d. family David Parkhurst is removed out of the lot of the Trustees ~~& apostle~~ into the Eldership as 2d to E. Br. Stephen Easton who takes Eld. Br. Eli's lot. Peter Boyd the 2d Trustee fills David P's place and Aaron Babbit fills Peter's as D. in the lot.

Also, Sarah Sering Dec.d to day about 3 oc. aged 78 years, & 2 or 3 months.

December 1842.

Thurs 22. Thanksgiving day — kept as a yearly sacrifice — eat bread & water only.

Frid 23. Coldest morning this winter. Mercury fell a little below Zero.

Sat. 24 Threshing wheat — threshing machine just repaired — new teeth Mc.Cl. does much better.

Sab. 25. Holy Laws read to day & other important communications.

mond. 26. Jos. Agnew from White Water to day with cloth to press. Thamar to Water Vliet about hogs

Tues 27. J. agnew returns home. a little snow this morn.

" " David Walker removes from the Junior order to the 2d. order Ch. Also, from the Land Benj. West to the 2d. family.

Thurs. 29 Our hogs are started on foot to cincin. for disposal.

" " Ministry Start to Water Vliet.

Frid 30. Some snow fell last night. D. Boyd to Cincin.

January 1842.

Sab. 1. Read the holy Orders about half through in fam. meeting this morning, Sab. meeting whad some pretty living exercises & good feelings.

Mon. 2? Brethren killing hogs, Kill 60 this afternoon.

Tues. 3 Very cold — nearly to 0. Ministry come home from W. Vliet

" " Moses & David Eastwood & Robert Mc Sehiney arrive here from Cincin. on their way home, took down hogs.

" " A. C. H. Cutting clothes at the West. — and 4 teams go to cincin with pork = hogs.

Wed. 4 This evening, a little after 9 oclock we had a shake of an earthquake.

Thurs 5 Daniel Boyd & Ithamar returned from Cincinnati — have had the hogs packed — 150 in number — made 80 barrels pork mostly clear & about 35 Bls. Lard.

Tues. 17 James Bell & Thos. Williams return home this morn. have been here a few days.

Wed. 18. D. Boyd & A. C. H. to Lebanon on School business &c. "Jos. Agnew arrives here on some business.

January 1843.

Wed. 20 or 30 hands turn out to dig up clay for brick. finish on Sat. 28th — hindered also by rain.

February 1843.

Wed. 1st Very cold & windy within 4 deg. of 0.

" Deacons send a check to S.A. Woodruff for $100. on the commercial Bank Cincin.

Thurs. 2. Very cold nearly or quite down to Zero —

" Ithamar to Miamisburg, Dayton & Water Vliet.

" Joiners begin to put some of their window frames together to day for the new great house The sash & frames are calculated for lead weights to balanced the sash when hoisted.

Frid. 3. Ithamar returns, — getting warmer.

Mond. Very cold & windy.

Tues. 7 Very cold — 4 below Zero.

Wednes. 8 Ithamar & Andrew C. Sr. to White Water via. Cincin. Had the covenant executed & returned the 11th

Mond. 13. Lewis V. and A. & H. to Waterviliet as witnesses of the execution of the Covenant deep Snow falls,

Wed. 15. H. & G. Begin to saw wood at centre on the horse power Buzz saw,

Sat. 18 Isaac J. Liddle readmitted into the chh. again — N. house.
Sab. 19. Rain & storm: no chh. meeting. The Society are informed in their Respective families that Elder Freegift is to resign up his lot of first Minister to Br. John Martin and return to his former home at Water Viet N. York; as soon as he visits the various Societies in the West & closes up his labors. Good sleighing

March 1st Kept as Mother Ann's Birth day — to-day Read the Holy laws, &c. Kept the day from sun

7. Three little boys run away from the N. house early this morning viz. T. Fuller, Nathan Blowers & Harrison Blowers, — They were overtaken 2 or 3 miles distant & brot back.

9. The Snow that fell on the 13th & 14th Feby. still remains in many places, as hard as ice. Still sawing wood, — cutting &c. &c.

10th Smart rain, snow about gone

11. — Five of Oliver's largest boys removed out of children's order into family order, viz: Marcus L. Roby, Th. Reynolds Edward Myers, & Andrew Bailey & Saml. M. Lacey.

March 1843.

Thurs. 16 Jenny Mc. Nemar dec.d aged 77 y. & 10 days.

Frid. 24 Julius' School closes for this season, commenced Dec. 10th. {half Bro. & boy hosps &c. A. C. H. has been helping Br. John saw & plane

Mond. 27. Rains to day after a long spell of the most constant cold weather ever witnessed for the time of year, indeed the whole winter has been the coldest on an average that we ever remember to have seen, — there are traces of the snow yet that fell on the 13th & 14th of Feb. some of it remained on the roof of our dwelling till to day, & is still quite deep about the north of houses &c. November, December, Jan. Feby & March have all been hard winter; Jan. was the mildest or most broken. Blows up very cold this afternoon.

28. Very clear morning: hard frozen, but the wind has subsided and the air feels more like spring.

29. Warm, and some cloudy. Thawing slowly.

27. also the female school commences to day about 35 scholars in the class alone.

March 1843

Thurs. 30. Fair, but some cloudy & Spring like. Sugar weather

Frid 31. Cloudy, rain commences about noon.

April 1843.

Sat. 1. A number signed the Covenant to day at the office. Cool & some windy.

Sab. 2. Pretty lively meeting to day — exercise & Inspiration.

Mon. 3 Change takes place at the Gristmill about this time. The hired Miller is discharged, and custom work for the world cut off. A carding and fulling establishment is to be set up in the Mill house this season.

" " Snow on the ground this morning, melts off by noon principally.

Frid. 7. Br. John & Andrew finish planing a lot of Bbl hoops — Warmest day since, perhaps last fall, at least this Spring.

Mon. 10. Burgholders file a bill in chancery against the Chh.

Mon. 10 Elder Freegift, E. Sally & Sr. Naomi set out for Ky. via Louisville. S. Valentine goes with them as far as Louisville.

" Very comfortable & free meeting in the 1st family this evening, unusually so.

April 1843

Wed 12 Carpenters tearing down some of the works in the 2nd Mill to make room for carding & fulling works &c.

Th. 13 Daniel Sering to Economy, Pitts. &c.

Sab. 16. Rainy weather, no chh. meeting

Mon. 17. Smart times catching fish of evenings.

Thurs. 20 Warm pretty spring day i.e. for this season. Nearly finished the partition for carding room in 2. Mill, also the lathing

Friday 21. Warm Spring weather

Sat. 22. Rainy & warm. cleaning up door yard

Tues. 25 Mercury up to 86°. to day, grass is growing wonderfully. M.C. is pruning the pear orchard

Thurs. 27. Very rainy. Ground unusually wet for the season — plowing cannot go on — all hands cutting timber with the double object of timber & tanbark.

Sab. 30. Very rainy — Flood upon flood.

May 1843.

Mon. 1. A few hands begin to make preparation for Brick. making.

" E. Tracy binds his youngest child, & leaves the Society

Wed. 3. Finish cutting tan bark.

Sat. 6 Wash Sheep. {Sab. 7. Wash in the FOUNtain.

Wed. 10. Rainy weather. Bad times for farming.

Thurs. 11. a little hopes of clearing off. Quite cool. Apple trees finely in bloom — Peach & Cherry trees pretty much past —

" " No corn planted yet in the fields.

" " Driving on making preparations at Brick yd. Israel & Andrew making crabs.

" " Commence Shearing Sheep to day.

Frid. 12. Joshua Galloway got his knee dislocated and badly hurt by the kick of an ox at the Brick yard. — Sound ~~t~~ threats of rain

Sat. 13

Rains some to day — Fill, & begin to tramp the first hole of mortar for Brick.

Tues. 16 Begin to mould Brick for ~~mo~~ kiln

Sat. 20. Wm Ross removes to 1st order from West Bk. goes to work with the Carpenters.

May 1863

Sab. 21st Some rain this evening.

Mon. 22nd Carding Machines & picker arrive from Cincin. hands busy preparing to start them. A letter read this evening in family meeting from our Ministry at S. Union stating that they had released E. Malinda Buchanan from the ministry's lot in that place by her request, in consequence of bad health, & that she would remove to U. S. in company with them, when they should return.

25. Buying up some cattle to feed for Beef.

Frid. 26. Bro. John Martin, Elder Sr. Lucy F. & Nancy Mc. Nemar set out for White Water to meet our Ministry, and bring Eldress Malinda home from thence. — They, the Ministry expect to visit White Water before they return home

27. White Washing pretty smartly now a days

Sab. 28. Rain — no chh. meeting.

The season is just about a month later this season, than last.

29. Brick making moves on moderately but one moulder — Brick crack some.

June 1843. {raise a building 36 by 76.

Thurs. 1. Twenty nine Brethren go to W. Kirt to help them.

Satur. 3. Brother John M. Elder S. Lucy & Elderess Malinda Buchanan of St Union arrive here from W. Water — also Urban Johns. Sr Nancy McNemar remains a while at White Water to regain her health if possible. Elderess Malinda takes her permanent residence in the 1st order, centre house, N. Village.

Tues. 6. D. Boyd accompanies Urban to Cincinnati, on his return home.

Thurs. 8. Carding machines started to day; seem to do well.

" " Asa Catlin deceased this Evening about ½ after 6 aged 42 years. 2 m. 4 days. died of chachexy.

" Rainy weather.

Sat. 10. Rainy soaking weather — Bad for brick making. a good many cattle have been brought up for a few weeks past to eat our abundant pastures.

Sab. 11 attended Chh. meeting; had some comforting gifts.

Mon. 12 Carding machine much injured — considerable of the cards spoiled — It is said to be done by the Water Wheel running too fast.

Tues. 13.. Ministry arrive home post their long journey via W. Kirt.

Thurs. 15 Carding machine started again.

Thurs. 15. Sr. Nancy returns home from White Water, Ezra S. & little boy accompanies her

June 1843. Begins

Frid 23. A fulling Mill pretty near finished. Some hands cutting logs for flooring. Fine weather for brick making nowadays.

Sab. 25. The ministry, Elders, Singers and some of the inspired ones attended meeting to day with the D. family, in the meeting house, and washed in the spiritual fountain. H G.

Tues. 27. Norman Turner came here this afternoon requesting another priviley among believers but it was not granted, for good reasons, he hung about the place over night & finally went away next day.

Frid. 30. Very hot weather, Mercury up to 100 deg.

July 1843

Satur. 1. Hot weather Mercury - 100 to 102.

Sab. 2. Elder Freegift Read an address in Sab. meeting to day to the young & middle aged principally: He intended it to serve as his parting address.

Mon. 3 Hay Harvest commences to day. Cool.

July 1843.

Thurs 6. D. Boyd & A. C. Houston to Cincinnati
Get 2 boys — John H. and Josiah T. Crockett
aged as follows —

Mon. 10. Andrew C. H. Henry Jann & Sandy Tuttle
tr. commenced wool combing; Samuel, however,
had commenced on Thurs. evening previous.

Sab. 9. Elder Freegift took his regular farewell
leave of the church in to day's chh. meeting.
There have been many farewell and
thanksgiving poems & songs dedicated to this
occasion in the several families, — a lengthy
poem was read to him to day, & a farewell
sung. Many expressions of love & thanks
were made & no doubt felt.

We also took our farewell with E. Brother
Stephen S. Br. Eli H. and Daniel Boyd
who are to accompany Elder Freegift home,
and make a visit at the East.

The chh. present E. Freegift with a small
present of $100 in Gold — The 2d. family gave
him $25. — That is exclusive of expenses &c.

The chh. put in $100 — the 2d. family $50.
the next families $25 each, & so on &
East to defray this costs of printing a book.

July 1843.

Thurs. 13. Elder Freegift Wells & company set out for the East - via Tiffin - Sandusky &c Augustus Liberghien takes them by land to Tiffin.

" " Brother John Martin succeeds to the first lot in the Ministry in the room E. Freegift removed, & takes the Title of Elder John -

" " Jesse Legier removes into the meeting house & fills the 2d lot in the Ministry.

" " Sanford Russell removes from the North house to the centre & fills Jesse's lot in the upper East room.

Sat. 15. James Ampblett is released from the care of boys, North house, And Moses Miller takes his lot.

" " Joshua Galloway removes from the centre to the North house.

Sat. 22. Augustus Liberghien returns from the Lake at Sandusky: He took E. Freegift & the Elders as far as Tiffin, & then took the Rail Road with them to Sandusky city

July 1843.

Tues. 25. Part of the hands quit the harvest before it is quite done & go to work at the Brick yd.

Wed. 26 N. Chase threatens taking his child away, but finally desisted, & bound her.

August 1843.

Tues. 1 Oliver's Boys take a day's ride around.

Frid. 4 Harvest entirely finished.

" Micajah Burnett arrives here via. Cincin. had been there on business, & came up with Ithamar & Abner to pass a day or two.

Sat. 6. Comfortable Chh. meeting: Br. Micajah with us, — many comfortable words pass'd

Mon. 7 Finley M. Shaffer quits carpentering & goes to Smithy.

Tues. 8 Ministry received a letter from Elder Freegift & co. who are gone East

Wed. 9. Saml. Luthill & Andrew finish wool combing this forenoon, H. Lamm quit about a week since & went to the Brick yd. began July 10th. Combed for the Centre 154 ℔ of wool, & got 92 ℔ of worsted, and for the North 164 of wool, & 88½ worsted.

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Fri. 10. The brethren have just commenced a threshing machine.

Sat. 12 The church are afflicted very much with an epidemic, called Influenza The writer is much afflicted with it himself as well as many others.

Sab. 13 Chh. meeting rather thin on account of sickness

Mon. 14 Brick yard goes on well. Fine weather ~~Tues 15.~~

Wed. 16. Catharine Van Dorser left the Society.

Thurs. 17. Andrew helping Abner to put sash together

Sab. 20. Chh. meeting was unusually warm and powerful:— much bodily exercise, & several gifts of inspiration.

Tues. 22. Jas. Mc. Nemar, Betsy Dickson, Vinay Mc. N. & Susanna Liddle go on a visit to White Water.— Return 26th.

Sab. 27. Chh. meeting is unusually comfortable and gifted to day:— There was a good deal of exercise & many inspired messages. from various sources, & sundry instruments The gift was much greater than on last Sab.

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Thu. 31. The Elders from White Water having come up here on the 29th they return again to day, taking with them, as visitors Sisters Mary Hopkins & Eunice Sering. Fine season for business, Brick kiln grows rapidly, — plowing for wheat, — building a threshing machine, — hewing timber for a new building, viz Centre house.

September 1843.

Mon. 4 Very hot weather now a days.

Frid. 8. Our Eastern visiters arrive home safe this evening, about 9 or 10 o'clock — namely Elder Bro Stephen S. — Br. Eli Hanston & O. Boyd.

Mon. 11. It is permanently resolved in counsel this evening to put up the walls of the contemplated New Centre house & Kitchen next season, that is, in 1844.

September 1843.

Sab. 17. This evening at the close of singing meeting We had a very singular kind of Indian meeting. Geo Washington came with, and introduced 500 Indian Warriors, who were yet in quite a savage state; there was much exercise, singing & Inspiration and some new songs gotten. &c.

Tues. 19 Monstrous hot weather for the season—90°. to 95°.

Wed. 20 Visiters from N. Union arrived here to wit, Riley Honey, Edward Russell Eldress Polly Lossy & Candace Russell.

Sab. 24. A pretty warm Chh. Meeting attended with symptoms of the late work in the East—such as being possessed with Indian Spirits. &c. &c.

" " This evening at the close of general singing meeting at the North house, a most extraordinary exercise & inspiration commenced—& the whole assembly acted like Indians more or less, and some

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seemed to be considerably under the Indian influence, & one or 2 quite far into it — especially 1 or 2 Sisters that passd well for Squaws, & the evidence of it was very convincing. also some weighty prophetic messages

Tues. 26 North Union Visitors Set out for home.

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Sabb. 1 The power of God was overwhelming in Chh. meeting to day in sundry manners. Such as powerful bodily exercises; speaking in tongues — & speaking for departed Spirits who got possession of several & spoke & acted thro them in a marvelous manner. There were also sundry messages of Inspiration delivered.

Wed. 4 Andrew brings 2 boys from Cincinnati viz. Thomas & Ambrose Kelly — their mother accompanied them here as to bind & leave them.

Thomas born Apl. 11th 1831. — aged 12 years.

Ambrose born Aug. 23rd 1833. aged 10 years

Thos. born in Erie Village & Erie co. Penn.

Ambrose b. in Crawford Co — — Penn.

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Thurs. 5. Brick kiln fired, and finished on thursday eve the 12th one of the worst spells of weather we have had this season — rained nearly every day & night more or less. No. of brick 400.000. well burnt

Sat. 7. Thos. & Ambrose Kelley run away & go back to Cincin. & leave their Mother.

Sab. 8. Meeting thin on the brethren's side so many burning brick, but the meeting abounded with gifts of inspiration, & especially with a crowd of disembodied Indians who sought admittance and mouths to speak through, & obtained their desires in part; severals of them who could not get in were promised admission at another time; they proposed to return again after 7 rising suns, which was granted.

Tues. 10. David Corey returns from Cincinnati & brings back Thos. & Ambrose Kelley & another boy near the same age named Abram Jeney. They are placed in the 1st ord. to learn.

Dearborne Co. Ia
Born Oct. [illegible] 8th. 1832. In aurora

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Wed. 11 H. L. Eades arrives here from S. Union on a visit, &c. to give to believers

Sab 15. Blowers' wife brought a little girl here to day

Sab. 15. Chh. meeting to day was generally admitted to be the most extraordinary herbtofore witness in this place. Crowds of Indian Spirits thronged the meeting and pressed for admittance, severals of whom, through inspiration, got possession of divers brethren & sisters, & some confessed their sins & repented of their past lives. The scene was inexpressible, to see so many persons possessed of Indian spirits acting out all the barbarian gestures, & speaking the Indian language with the utmost fluency.

We were told by Inspiration, that now, was fulfilling what we had so often been warned of; to wit, that hundreds & thousands of poor needy souls would flock to us for help who were naked, hungry and ready, & that we should lay up a store for them.

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Wed. 18. Jas. Ball & Wm. Philips come here late this evening & bring a girl named Frances Ann Cushwaugh, on an account of unjust threats from without of taking her away.

Thurs. 19. Wm. Davis fell from an apple tree, and ~~[illegible]~~ nearly killed himself.

Thurs. 19. To day we had Chh. meeting commencing at 2 ~~o'clock~~ P. M. in consequence of a privilege granted us by an Embassy or herald of angels that were sent forth into the world 60 days previous, who were to return to this place & unite & feast with us on this day. There were many of the aborigines spirits present also, & several assumed bodies & spoke & danced with great animation. Also we had a company of French & Italians to visit us, & there was a pretty lengthy discourse delivered to them by 2 Inspired brethren viz. O. C. & H. & W. R. The Elders from the 2d. fam. & Gathering order & Br. H. L. Eades attended meeting.

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Sab. 22. Chh. Meeting, much as they have been of late, tho' not so much Indian exercise & speaking as common, yet there was some. There was some weighty warnings from the Savior to Zion to be what she should be - to be clean & holy & prepared for her great destination - There was a good deal said or given from the holy Savior Warning Zion to prepare for great - great tribulation yea so long as lost souls were to be travailed for.

This Evening the Chh. had general singing Meeting at the 1st Order: At the close or latter part of which, an exercise broke out of the most unparalleled warmth & power: It might be called an Indian Meeting for truly it was not like any thing else: There was great power of God displayed, & the most extraordinary bodily exercises very much in the Indian style. King Philip was present and

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was the most ecstatic that we had seen him, & had a good deal to say & do: His cousin squaw named Niskaset or Niskat was present & made herself known – said she had fed her six tond time times & had seen Shiney Mother – ~~that she had been to see~~ Philip was introduced to her, & knew her well, but had not seen her for a long time – wondered that she looked so young – that she was quite old and decrepit when he knew her. Then then followed a lengthy Dialogue between them, in broken English & sometimes in pure Indian which was very singular & astonishing. For what cause this scene was acted we are not told, but truly it was the fair hand of Inspiration in a most convincing manner. Several new songs by Inspiration were sung

" Reasin Nose has a desperate sore knee from a small cut, – taking cold in it &c.

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Thurs. 26. H. L. Eades sets out for home via-
P. Hill: taken to Cincin. by D. Boyd & Lewis V.
" " Br. Amos Ballard arrives here.

Sab. 29. Chh. meeting to day was blessed with great
power & outpouring of the Spirit in the
new & singular gift, of those in the body
taking in, & representing departed spirits;
receiving conviction & confessing their sins,
here on earth, through representatives in the
body — such representatives being all the
time, of course, under the operation of the
power of God, representing unconsciously,
the various conditions of mind peculiar to a
soul under conviction, repentance, con-
fession, and the consequent raptures
that follow releasement from a state
of guilt & wretchedness. During the short
time since this work has begun here, the
Indians, spirits, have been the most common
visiters at our meetings, - yea even by hundreds,
or thousands,

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Sab. 29. tho' the Italians, French & others are beginning to gather in aleo; we had French to day; and a Peruvian lady of rank & wealth appeared, named Santa Vera, her Father was wealthy & they oppressed the poor while on earth; she expressed her wish to go & gather those poor sufferers & bring them here to enjoy the blessings of the gospel, so as to compensate them for the injuries she had done them. There were some new songs sung by Inspiration 1 or 2 was played on a Violin received from a French spirit — most melodious — this female spirit was already beautified by the gospel & sent us a message of Serenity of Spirit &c There was a large Tree set on the table in the alley with branches extending E. W. N. & South

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Sab. 29. A woman brought her little girl here & gave her up to the Chh. her name is Melissa Grass, aged

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Sat. 4 Elder John Returned from White water with 3 sisters who came to visit viz — Susan Champlin, Anna Shermon and Adaline Wells. He took Br. A. Ballance as far as White Water on his journey homeward.

Sab. 5. Chh. meeting partook of the peculiar inspiration of the time, tho' not quite so × mixed with Indians same as with us
× was a good deal of exercises and some inspired messages from our heavenly Parents — From F. William, F. Joseph & M. Smey — A Golden staff for each of the aged — and a Star for the middle aged — a pair of shoes. & a Roll of lots for the F. Joseph's Class.

In this meeting we had Friends & Indians — the French were of Brothers — the French army = Be called was said to be company

Also in our family singing meeting this evening we had a time of exercises & gifts at the close or after singing meeting

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During which time we had a most singular display of 3 French Spirits entering 3 of our brethren - 1 call'd himself Marat - the other was a wounded man. who soon confessed his sins & was made whole of his lameness - the 3d - was a great musician & play'd some elegant tunes - the musician was a boasting versatile Frenchman & acted the Frenchmen to the life. They were very polite - bowed & scraped & play'd the Gentleman quite much - said they belonged to a division of Bonaparte's army. 10.000. in number - were led here by a heavenly & beautiful woman - said their comrades were in bad condition for provision &c. Were Encamped in a valley near by - were dressed in their regimentals. The musician could talk both French & English - Marat it seem'd could neither talk nor understand Eng. In conclusion we gave them a present of milk & wine for themselves & company.

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Frid. 10th This evening we had a singing ~~Meeting~~ meeting, to learn a new Anthem that was received at the East, & sent to Union Village to be learnt (i.e. by inspiration) after a good deal of singing we had a powerful meeting of exercises. Severals were taken possession of by Indian spirits, some of whom were very savage & wild. One of these, notwithstanding, played on his violin 2 or 3 elegant airs or tunes, one of which exceeds every thing common — it was indeed one of the most superb pieces of melody ever sung by a mortal. This same spirit was very averse to confessing his sins.

Sat. 11. Ministry return home from a visit to Mt. Vliet & attend family meeting with us this evening. The power of God became very prevalent, and severals had supernatural gifts. King Philip the Indian chief was present & one of his friends & both got into brethren the latter confessed his sins in Indian to an interpreter and soon began to

sing some exquisite songs. 06.

" " A boy was brought here to day from Cincin
by D. Covey, named William Tenny, aged
Born Nov. 23d. 1830. In aurora Vil. Dearborn Co. Ia.

Sab. 12 The chh. meeting ~~was~~ commenced rather
heavy, but after some stirring exhor-
tations from Elder John V. E. Br. Stepter
the people began to be exercised in a very
extraordinary manner - several were
taken possession of by French & Indian
spirits - one Frenchman confessed his
sins - he was a great musician, & had been here before, but on his 2d visit he would not hear ~~to~~ of the terms of the gospel, his name is Jena Wespeon
He delivered an excellent address to the rest of the French present, from Bona
parte - he played a most singular
song, which has been learnt & kept
King Philip was also there, but
seemed to be in trouble - said many
of his people come but could not

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" " get possession (of (skins) or bodies to speak & act for them — said he could not come again soon, but perhaps Whipawl, his friend chief would come — said his people got into confusion in his absence & did bad. &c.

There were a number of females that were possessed by French & Indian spirits, who danced marvelously, & acted as moved upon upon by those spirits who possessed them; they seem unconscious of what they do & say, & act & speak for the strangers who for the time being take possession of their bodies.

Thurs. 16. Waterolict Elders arrive here on a visit this evening we have many Indians at our meeting — 500 in number; they entered into several of the brethren & sisters — some were Shawnees — Several confessed their sins & set out to be good; but there were 2 bad ones who did not. One was extremely talkative & sang 1 or 2 singular songs. Meeting lasted nearly till 10.

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Sat. 18. This evening we had the W. Visit Elders & our Ministry at meeting with us, after a short address from Br. Stephenson. We commenced exercise - after several songs of marching & dancing many Indian spirits came & desired admission. George Washington conducted them here. ~~Some~~ There was a company of 20 or 4 chiefs who came from afar, one of whom entered one of the Brethren viz. O. H. who called himself Manitowah; he was a rough untutored savage & had an axe or tomahawk &c. He was finally prevailed upon to give it up, & was gradually worked down till he confessed his sins & set out to be good - He sung a pretty song after he confessed his sins. There were 2 other Indians who got admission and several squaws & some confessed their sins, some were shamers. We received a pretty little message of strength & encouragement from

our heavenly Parents, another witness heard the same words & confirmed it.- & also heard M. Ruth say that she would bind up all the broken hearted if they were only honest.

One of the premention'd Indians W.R. did not leave his borrowed tenement at the close of meeting, but went to bed with the rest in the room, but his new customer did not like the Big bed & he rose up & stript a blanket off the bed & wrapt himself in it & laid down on the floor, & said, "I do not like the Big bed".

S. Battersby removes from the House to the 20 order.

18. D. Miller removes from S. house to 1st order as deacon D. Davis removes from N. house & fills his place

Sab. 19. Our Chh. meeting to day was good & we were blessed with many supernatural gifts. Elder Johnson read a lengthy Epistle from canterbury, N.H. concerning the Sacred Roll & book, also a Circular to Believers & the order also, of distributing said books (was read). to the various nations, states &c. over

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" " The chh. meeting as was observed was good, but not quite equal in freedom & power to some we have had, especially on the brns. side. The French were the most prominent guests in this meeting, tho' there were some Indians. — Murat the Frenchman was there for the 2d time one, and a very high lady or two & a soldier, this lady acted out the belle very much to the life both in language & manners there was labors made with these as is usual on such occasions to show them their loss & lead them into the gospel. There was much dancing & exercise.

" " But at the close of general singing meeting this evening at the 1st order, a meeting or scene of exercise & inspiration took place which baffles description — The number inspired & exercised was very considerable, and altogether surpassed the chh. meeting in power & general freedom. The greater

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part of the guests this evening were Indians, tho there was a company of Italians, one of whom got into a young sister, the rest were scared at what they saw & heard, & cleared out.

The big Blackfoot chief, O.K. Manitoweah, who was here last evening came again & was much milder in his manners than the first visit. There were 3 or 4 other Indians brn. but some of the names I forget, Peluah I think was one, the number of individuals susceptible of this singular inspiration increases — Viz. 1 sister E.S. last night & young br. E.M. to night.

Manitoweah had 2 hundred chiefs in company — he sung some most excellent songs in his own tongue. There were also Shawnees but not quite so numerous. — They smoked the pipe of peace together, before which the Shawnees seemed to be afraid. O how they sung and danced — they seemed entering —

a Squaw M.S. got her feet in the 'potatoes & roasted ears & tomatoes (&c.) that she could not stand upright, & would not be satisfied till one of the Indians made her a present of the same.

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Mon. 20. Waterviet Elders return home; & we should think, felt paid for their visit.

Wed. 22. In our family meeting this evening, there were some gifts of Inspiration. We had Whip. W.R. Quil the Puyud chief, & friend to K. Philip. We also had a Choctaw C.F.S. Chief who came for the first — brot by Father Perm and confessed his sins. Whip Olol was very disconsolate because he had brought a large company of his people & they could not get into skins: but to compensate for it we gave him a great deal of love for himself & friends.

There was an Inspired brother who cried — What of the night watchman? The answer was; I see a great company afar off, armed with weapons of war, &c.

Thurs. 23. Thomas, Abner & Andrew go to Cincin. to get insight about bookbinding & sundry other business — return Sat. 25th.

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Sab. 26. In our Chh. meeting to day the same super-
natural gifts took place as heretofore for a few
months. We had French & Indian Spirits
with us to day and severals got into bodies
& some confessed their sins, & among others
the Frenchman, Marat, W.R. spent a considerable
time in confessing his sins under a heavy
weight of conviction of his lost state, as
well as that of his nation, whom he rep-
resented to be very dissolute & depraved, &
greatly lost in the flesh & the horrid arts of
seduction. The French musician Valespeon O.K.
was also represented to day again & sung or
played us a tune or two. Mother Ruth
is making great labors among the French
spirits according to the concurrent testimony
of the Inspired ones. Buonoparte is also
among them, and is now a minister of peace,
Marat says he is a very altered man. OK OK.

There were also some female French and
several Squaws — some Choctaws & Wyandots
& severals returned home from meeting with
these strange spirits in possession of their bodies. —

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Sab. 26 There was not a great deal of speaking by the Leadership in this meeting excepting a few words occasionally.

In singing meeting this evening we had 3 Squaws who came in & seated themselves to hear the Shiney whiteys sing: They acted quite much like the untutored Indians by whispering, looking around & jostling themselves about in their seats: after singing meeting was pretty well advanced a new Indian song was sung, when they could no longer contain themselves, but sprung to dancing, & many others to help them. This scene of exercise soon brought on a number more of Spirits who got possession of as many as they could both of bro. & Sisters — These were mostly all Indians who had been here before & confessed their sin among whom was K. Philip the Pequod W.P. & Manitunecah O. Y. the Blackfoot & 15 of his tribe Caranwaw P.F.I. the Choctaw Chief & 2 Squaws, M.F.I. & F. and a Wyandot Squaw M.S. & C. H. These Squaws

16 W.S. are registered to write their letters to their young families.

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Sab. 26. had kept possession of their borrowed tenements from Ch. meeting till this Evening - during which time they acted very singular & were quite inquisitive to know what every thing was, or was for, that they saw - they seemed really Ignorant of the use of the most common implements of household convenience, & would speak of them & inquire about such things with such native simplicity & ignorance that it was truly astonishing. The above is only a short outline of what occured.

Mon. 27. This morning one of the Choctaw Squaws S.F. was still with us, she was taken to the person who had lent her tenement to her comrade Choctaw Squaw but she did not know her - seemed sorrowful because her companion was gone. She scarcely knew how to dress herself & was much diverted at the trail of her gown on the stairs, & would look round at it like a child, She then however, soon after departed, & left her borrowed

Wed. [illegible] called Chas. this evening - heard a letter read from E.L. min. all[illegible] 16 to 5 are requested to write the[illegible] with us. also young sewing [illegible]

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Thurs. 30. Ebenezer Rice & 4 Sisters, viz Rachel Hall Rebecca M. Guire, Lucy Woodward & Rhoda Kinmon arrive from White Water on a visit.

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Sat. 2. This evening we were visited again by many departed Spirits, & severals entered into bro. & Srs. Viz. Pequods, Shawnees & Choctaws M.J. & M.S.; most of whom had been here before — such as King Philip W.R. & Peluwah P.J. & the old Pequod Prophet & 2 choctaw Squaws — There was a Shawnee Squaw ✠ who was a stranger, & acted as such S.H. We gave them all love to take home with them, and sung for them & danced with them & they seemed much pleased.

There was a short address from the Elders in the forepart of meeting expressive of our gratitude for the attendance of our Ministry & White water friends — Recommending zeal, & a relish & love for Spiritual food above that of natural as being far more important & necessary — advised to lay aside the temporal burdens of the past week &c.

Note. ✠ This Squaw came with a number more, but was the only one that got a comunication — she was quite timorous & the person who admitted her, when she came out of her trance was pretty confused & surprised to find her self surrounded by strangers & that the Spirits had left her — Evening only in meeting &c.

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Sat. 2. continued A French spirit was also in one of the sisters in this meeting her name was M.G. she had been here before. This time she tarried in her borrowed tenement over night – next morning the entranced individual was going about under this singular influence, having to every appearance no sensations but that of a French woman – after she came out of this state, or her guest left her, (which was tolerable early next morn.) she was totally ignorant of what had possessed her, and that she had acted & talked French & broken English – remembered that some strange spirits called Poles came to meeting the Evening before, but knew nothing of any French being there – altho' she had announced while in meeting under inspiration that she was a French woman & talked and acted accordingly.

We also had a Squaw on this occasion of the Sioux tribe who got possession of one of the Sisters – This was the first time that this Sister has admitted such a guest.

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Sab. 3 The power of God was greatly manifested in chh. meeting to day — there were many who were powerfully wrought upon & Inspired. — It seemed like the day of Pentecost when different nations, (had they been there) might have heard & conversed in their native tongues, Tho' on this occasion there was a great deal of the language broken English — we had French, Italians, Indians, blacks & of the Indians there were various tribes. — One young sister after admitting a squaw for a time, fell down, & the squaw left her, & when she arose she was possessed by a black spirit woman — She then went to the stove, and said she was as black as the stove, & that she would stay by it, & the poor girl verily thought she was black. Towards the close of meeting an Instrument delivered a solemn message — She saw Br. Ruth searching the hearts of the bre. & sisters, with lighted candles & informed the Ministry that Br. Ruth would give each of them 3 lighted candles if they would find out this St. han

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& each of the Elders 2 in like manner, which was done — and each of the members 1, and that she wished them to go to the Elders and get them trimmed. &c.

We had our White Water visiters in meeting with us, & one of them was powerfully exercised & Inspired; & what was still stranger, her spirit went home and attended meeting there this might easily be done for a Squaw seemed to have possession of her body.

Thurs. 7. Ebenezer Rice & Co. return home, well pleased as far as we could see.

Wed. 6. In our 2 am Meeting this evening we were visited by a French lady of very considerable refinement, she was brought hither by M. Ruth she brought Marat's love to E. Br. Stephen & Br. Ashbel — said Marat had advised her to come. There was also a number of Kickapoo Indians attended & one Squaw got admission into a tenament — she was very timed & shy. An Inspired one said that great numbers of savage rough spirits were gathering from the northward.

He sung a lengthy kind of anthem expressive

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of the increase of God's work on earth &c.
& the sounding trumpet to awaken souls.

Sat 9. Lewis & Andrew commenced Book-
binding with the help of a hired man.

Sab. 10. Yearly sacrifice attended to seemed
to be a pretty good gift.

Mon. 11 Hands commenced building a board
fence in front of the N. house & old
office, & run southward. Mulberry Posts & pine
boards.

Wed. 13 In our family meeting this evening, we
had 4 Indians - Viz, 2 Indian Shawnees
and was Pelawah who had been here
before & confessed the bad; the other
was rather a new comer, & a very wild
savage yelling person - Pelawah did not
not like him at all because he hol-
lowed so much & would not tell the bad
however he was finally prevailed upon
to tell the bad & said his name was
Sick-back, a very mean wicked Indian

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said Caruwah sent him here to confess his sins, but he hated to do it very much.

The 2 Squaws were Choctaws, & had a great deal of talking to do about their former visits &c. among us, they seemed quite much elated & pleased & acted the Indian very well — had been here before.

Thurs 14. Thanksgiving day kept — had meeting in the meeting House all the church: Elder John delivered the most extraordinary discourse that I ever heard delivered at one time; It embraced so many important subjects, and was done with so much wisdom & propriety, & at the same time with so much decision & energy that it took good hold & it is hoped much good will result therefrom. — For particulars heads, see Ashbels journal.

Sat. 16. There was a pretty warm meeting this evening tho' nothing very extraordinary occurred.

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Sab. 17. Church meeting to day was attended by several from the Spiritual word. Father Joseph was there early in the meeting with a blessing for us. There were several who took in foreign spirits & spoke & acted for them; We had a fine English Lady, named Margaret Bell of London, said her Father's name was William - he was a rich man that she had never known want until a few months since - She died when 12 years old - was born in the year 1790, of course was 53 years of age at this time - had two brothers, Thomas & Benjamin - ~~She said~~ She was asked how she happened to come here? She said that a company came to London about 3 months ago who called themselves the Angels of God - that they blew trumpets & awakened her and many more, that she had not known until then that she had left the body & of course had not felt the need of any thing - that these Angels had sent them here, & told them about

After Margaret ended the ocean the sang this manuscript song.
I am alone saviour, far far from the shores of England I have come
seeking, seeking for a crumb. For it was by the Lords mighty thumpe
sounding angels, that my soul was awakened and called hither
to find salvation.

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17. the people that were here — She came in company with others and got possession of a body & was left to become acquainted. That she had, since she was awakened, come to want & felt the need of something that she had not. She said that she felt the need of something more than her brothers — i.e. something for her spiritual comfort, (as she had no natural body only an assumed one, of course she could not allude to this.) She sung a mournful song in the afternoon, after meeting was over, which she said she had after she crossed the sea to america & was detained for a passage hither, her countenance wore a peculiar appearance that might be called serene solemnity — She was very polite & made use of yes sir, yes ma'm &c. &c. There were others who returned home with us from chh. meeting, there was a Russian Princess for one, & a squaw. The Russ. Princess represented, that there were many of the Russian

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17. in great want & distress — that in Moscow you might hear their distresses in the streets. She seemed to make very strange of the great plainness that we exhibited in every thing — that it was a great contrast to the Regal splendour in Russia. (She was with some others but she by Dr. Wilson) There were Indians and Squaws got possession of several in this meeting — such as Pequods, Choctaws & Shawnees & Miamies — and even a distressed Icelander who was a Ruler among them, & had been killed in battle by the Russians a few years since. He represented his people as very wretched; that a tall large well looking man, whose name he did not know, brot, or sent him here for assistance — his countenance was quite dejected.

In singing meeting this evening at 6 o'clock the N. house where the singers were gen. erally assembled & many others, we had a singing meeting as usual, at the

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closed, exercise commenced & continued variously till after 8 oclock. The number of Inspired ones was quite considerable & one new one was added to night viz. J. H. he was possessed of a very wild & boisterous Indian a Shawnee Spirit, whom it was quite difficult to ~~convict~~ bring ~~him~~ to hear any thing, but he was finally brought to conviction & confessed his sins, as also did another, there were 5 Indian Spirits got into bodies & I do not know how many squaws & other foreigners there was French - English & Russian among the females. The Indians are extremely noisy - they danced, whoop & hollow dreadfully sometimes - while the other Spirits seem quite annoyed by it. Upon the whole it was an astonishing evenings meeting, & might convince unbelievers (if there be any) of the presence of an almighty hand. - Who can search out the Almighty & his purposes.?

* A sister (S. F.) who had been occupied this evening by a Shawnee Squaw fell down & was immediately left by the Squaws & taken possession of by a French female Spirit who walked around & commenced talking to her sister who was sitting & immediately left. She then summoned a good Indian woman

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18 Margaret Bell, our singular visiter, continued with us seeing, & hearing & learning; and to day confessed her sins. This evening she attended meeting as a spectator or rather as a visiter — her countenance is a mixture of serenity & solemnity. She retired to rest & in the course of the night she departed & left the tenement to its original owner. — In the morning when she arose (Tens.) She, M.A.J. inquired if the wash mill was mended, thinking it was monday morning & expecting to go to washing; She was informed that it was not Monday, & that washing was over — She replied, — & where was I? She was answered — I expect you were about your Mother's business She replied — that is a pretty way to serve any body — and it is presumed took the hint what was the matter; This unconscious state of these inspired ones is continually corroborated by by such cases as this. The Indians Spirits when they get possession of bodies call their clothes blankets and seem put to it to dress or undress.

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Wed. 19. This evening in family meeting, we had singular gifts & visiters. — One would not or could not talk any English but by signs it was believed he was an Icelander or Laplander — he hovered close to the stove — laid a chair down on its back & got onto it, as tho' it was a sled* — he sung some & talked a good deal in an unknown tongue — He, at the end of meeting (which was long) fell suddenly on the floor & departed leaving the borrowed tenement to its proper owner. This heavy falling is quite common in this kind of Inspiration when the foreign spirit leaves the assumed body.

There were 2 Indians — one was a prophet of the Wyandot tribe, Oceola otto the other was a Pequid named Rhodefan They both told the bad I believe. There was also a squaw of the Blackfoot tribe named Sally Tripp. Several of her tribe came with her but soon left her alone.

* arranged his team of Reindeer, dogs or whatever they used & acted as tho' he was traveling. at the close of meeting the stranger spirits — the tenement keeper staunchly on the floor

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Frid. 22. The new beater Threshing machine started & threshed out some wheat; altho' it is excellent in some respects yet it wants amendments in others,

Sat. 23. Our Family signed their names to their respective declarations of faith &c. in the presence of Elders & Deacons: that is, those between 16 & 55 years of age.

" 23. also the long looked for Books, viz. the Sacred Roll, arrived at last — more than 40 days since they were forwarded from Boston

Sab. 24. Chh. Meeting was not extraordinary for any thing to day except unusual moderation & coolness. Elder John, however spoke a little, & among other things recommended hating the flesh, & he had considerable signs of union in the gift. I was told that there were some poor distressed Irish, female spirits came to this meeting & got possession of 1 or 2 of the Sisters, but meeting closed before we heard their history I am told that ~~many~~ much weeping took place on hearing their story.

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Mon. 25. Christmas. We had Chh. meeting as on Sabbath. Elder John Read us a good Spiritual Communication, rec'd by Inspiration. - Elder Br. Clapton gave a short but lively introduction to worship, recommending us to commence meeting right immediately & not weary ourselves laboring half an hour before we began meeting - to spring into life, & lay hold of the power of God, or at least labor earnestly for it.

In the course of the meeting there were several messages & presents sent to us by our heavenly Parents & forerunners - and some excellent counsel once or twice by Elder John - spoken in a good Energetic gift.

There were vast numbers of foreign spirits attended this meeting - some got admission into individuals who spoke & acted for these strangers - There was one from a place South East of France - said her name was Amy that they had a great Prophet among her tribe or nation whose name was Hedronicus that he prophesied that a messiah would come upwards of 2000 years ago - that

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25. the time had passed (since they disceased) and they never had heard that he had appeared — That their Prophet had almost entirely despaired & they had covered themselves with sack cloth & ashes — That he had kept his people together & kept out other nations — that the catholics had tried to root them out but could not, about a century ago — They were not jews, but believed & kept the Jewish laws tho' (on that account were much persecuted) — That Mother Ruth* with much diffienlty got access to them & led 7 of them to the holy City a few weeks since where they encamped in the vicinity & were by her brought here. She could not tell their descent or genealogy as she did young, but rather thot they were of Syrian descent. Pen, Ink & paper were presented her to write in her own language and she commenced at the right & wrote towards the left — She made singular characters — could scarcely write with the pen — prefered a Reed pen — said the paper was too soft &c. There were many more

* who accompanied the band of Israelites Journeying Gospels who awakened them &c

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25. extraordinary things which I did not get fully informed of. — Among others, a sister was powerfully exercised a while, & went into a trance — She was carried at the close of meeting to one of the dwellings, & lay in this situation till about 7 o'c. eve. when she came to & spoke, & called herself Catharine Empress of Russia from Petersburg — She had been heard while lying entranced, speak occasionally to her conductor about their journey &c. There was a brother who had a negro spirit in possession whose name was (I think) Quimbo from Congo originally, — taken to Tennessee as a slave he opened his mouth & rec'd. loud — said that after he died in Tennessee he went back to Congo in Africa &c. There was also a sister who represented a Black woman. A Brother who represented a Shawnee Indian Cousin to Tecumpse — he had been here before & told the bad &c How many more there were I had no means of ascertaining.

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Wed. 27. In our family meeting this Evening we had many extraordinary gifts of God. The singing & Exercise were very powerful and many became inspired & took in various foreign strange spirits. One appeared to be a northern spirit by his showing the shape & size of his snow shoes — he talked some in his own tongue & wrote very readily on a slate that was handed him, but no one could read it but himself, & in his own tongue. [he seemed very pro]

after meeting broke up his Frock was brot to him, but he did not know how to put it on, but before long he fell over on the floor & the stranger departed — the frock then was put on quick enough.

Carawaugh & Nickback the Choctaws were also here to night again, & having previously told the lad they had a fine dance &c.

Maliquaw a big blackfoot Indian, brother to Manitoucah was here & got admission to night — he was asked where his br. was, & said that he was away behind the big Hill.

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Wd. 27. There was a young Shawnee here to night for the first, & got possession of a fresh hand who had not been thus inspired before (L. S.) his name I think was Tanawang

There was a Pequot Squaw got in too, who brought love from some of her tribe who had been here before.

At the close of meeting we loaded them with love & fruit &c. The meeting was a very comfortable one.

Sab. 31. Chh. meeting was tolerable good but not so free in exercises & gifts as is common. There were several inspired especially among the sisters some Wyandot Squaws got possession of bodies

There was one among the brethren who was taken possession of by some strange foreign spirit who seemed incapable or unwilling to talk any or tell who he was or where he was from. We gave our love to the poor Squaws as the best means of doing them good.

Elder John read a prophetic message from Isaiah to day.

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Sab. 31. This Evening at the close of singing meeting exercise commenced & the power of God soon began to operate on severals, which is now a days a signal for disembodied spirits to take possession of such and make known their wants. This evening our former visiter Manitweéah the Blackfoot chief, paid us another visit, and he exercised very powerfully he sung but little to night, but wanted much love, & he got it. when departed, another spirit spoke thro the person he had been occupying & said that there were 7 Icelandic spirits who desired to ~~come~~ get in — 4 male & 3 female They were made welcome I invited in by one who had previously got possession of a sister — another got possession of a young sister shortly: these 2 females exhibited the Icelander's habits by trying to slide over the floor as if it were ice — they were very active & lively but one of them could not talk English. after meeting they were found to be quite hungry & they brought them

one of them did not like fish when she was hungry,

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victuals & they eat quite voracious of cold meat* & various other things & finally wanted fish;— some was procured & they tore off the pieces & threw it on the coals & eat it.

There was a Kickapoo Squaw here this evening a while; She is a very timid wild creature, & will scarcely be friendly or social with any one— She put off confessing her sins till she should come again —— There was also a Choctaw Squaw who got in.

This month past has been quite fine & warm

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Mon. 1. Killing hogs— very large & fat, 40 pounds to adults & 20 nominally to children.

Tues. 2. Elder John M. Pitts out for Pleasant Hill.

Sat. 6. Sent 2 Sacred Rolls to Jos. Shamon of this

Sat. 6 Elder John Rankin arrives here on horseback

" " This evening we in our family meeting there was considerable power & Inspiration Several took in departed Spirits & spoke and acted for them. We had a man

* This meat they called Rein Deer & said it was too salt— they eat two saucers full, & 2 of corn, & some codfish one of them did not like fish when she was hungry

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Sat. 6. by the name of Jacob Snyder a Hamburgher he could speak but little English — he signed out that he had heard a great Trumpet call toot toot toot &c — Smote on his breast as an indication of conviction — Making & played one or 2 times. —

On the Sisters side there were severals who admitted foreign spirits — say if I recollect) 2 or 3 Icelanders or some northern spirits scarcely known by those who took them in: & perhaps a few squaws. Quanto, I think, from Congo was here again to night.

Sab. 7. Church meeting to day was quite strong & full of supernatural gifts, principally such as taking in, & acting & speaking for departed spirits. — We had King Philip the Indian chief & a boy who came with him: Philip had much to say & was quite interesting He says his people are improving under the administration of Father Penn and by his assistance — F. Penn is leaving the Indians & squaws to live separately &c.

In the first part of meeting we received a rich blessing of life and power from many of our heavenly Parents. thro' inspiration.

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7. Caravaugh the Choctaw Chief was present again to day. (Elder J. Rankin attended to day meeting). There were a number of departed spirits got access on the sisters side — quite too many & too much ~~[illegible]~~ from under my observation to state particulars — however there were many squaws & Iceland women — ~~they~~ the squaws danced marvelously & the Icelanders too, besides sliding across the floor as if they were on their native ice. There was a Hindoo woman who got into a sister, & she truly made a very awkward ridiculous appearance — seemed all the while scared & afraid & danced most miserably. Many of these spirits kept possession of individuals & returned home with them & spent the evening — There was one French woman who lately came from France who came home with us & stayed a while, & then returned.

Margaret Bell (see Dec. 17) came to day to see us again — said she had

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Sat. 7. tried to get possession before, but could not. — said her people had gone back to England — that her brothers were not very well pleased with her joining herself to believers — she thought that they believed in our faith more than they were willing to own — that Dr. Benjamin Bell was her Brother — that she had been retained from going back to England by one Betsey Hastings (Eldress Betsey) that she had since remained at the camp of French Spirits in our vicinity teaching them how to talk English — said that Elderess Betsey thought that she (Margaret) might be of future use to her in a work in England. The before mentioned French woman said she had been invited to come here by Margaret Bell — Margaret says the French are getting a very large house built. when this is built it is expected that they will begin to come into order — a few of them have confessed their sins.

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Sab. 7. This evening we had general singing meeting at the first order. — At the close of singing Exercise commenced, and we had another extraordinary scene of the power of God among the people evinced by the influx of many departed spirits — Buonaparte was seen there dressed in believers clothes, & 2 French Prophets with him. Cassandra a French woman was there also.
We had Indians to night — King Philip Yabog. — Caraswagh (I think) Malaquan Manitweeah's big broder — 2 Icelandic men — (supposed) by their excessive riding The Pequod Squaw, Niskaette, cousin to Philip came this evening & got possession of Margaret Bells borrowed house Niskaette was greatly transported — said she could hardly "tay in de kin" she was so glad to see the sisters again. The Kickapoo squaw came again to night & spend her mind — i.e. told the bad — She had been here several times before. M. S.

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Thurs 11. D. Boyd & Andrew C. Houston to Cincin. on Sunday business — bring home 2 children namely & E. Elijah Rothermel & his sister Abigail

Sat. 13. Amelia = Arrived Saturday eve late 13th. Elijah born Dec. 15th 1833, in Lockport Township Niagara Co. N. York. — Abigail Amelia — born Aug. 21st 1836 — in Meadville Crawford " " Co. Penn. Elder John — Returns from P. Hill also.

Sab. 14. Chh. Meeting was quite good and edifying We received love from P. Hill — & sent our love to S. Union by Elder John Rankin at the close of meeting. There were several short messages or gifts delivered by Inspiration informing us of blessings & gifts that were showering upon us &c. &c. There was a good deal of bodily exercise & operations of the power of God. Lord Byron appeared or rather got possession of a Brother & spoke thro" him; — he seemed as yet quite stupid & insensible of his situation — he received good counsel from one of the Brethren what would be his duty to seek after &c.

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Mon. 15. This evening our family meeting was quite lively & animated, several spirits came in & got possession. Montcalm who fell at Quebec came & got in — said he was sent by Marat — that Marat had nearly convinced, & prepared him to open his mind, but that he was not yet quite ready &c.

There was also some spirits got possession among the sisters — one *Icelander or some Northern spirit known by sliding on the floor as if on sled. One or two others talked in unknown tongues, but I did not learn what spirits moved their tongues — I think there was one French.

Wed. 17. Elder John Rankin attended evening meeting at the 1st order. We were blessed with many gifts — departed spirits got possession of a number who were under the operations of the power of God. Montcalm came again & some other spirit who could converse very fluently with him in a tongues unknown to English ears.

* This sister who took in this spirit went out of door before the time this evening after meeting & kneeled with her face to the East — last Tuesday it was the custom among the brethren & sisters to meet in the morning to kneel towards the East (Jerusalem) to worship the Lord

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" 17. There was one Ice. Islander in meeting who got possession & was quite interesting in her history — She had perished on an Iceberg There was also a Welch woman with us, but she could not make us understand her. There were 2 Squaws, a Pequod & Shawnee.

Thurs. 18. Elder John Rankin sets out for home.

Sab. 21. Chh. meeting abounded with many heavenly gifts & the mighty power of God. Departed spirits continue to flock to our meetings, being sent by the Trumpet sounding angels of God — We have had many of them to day, Welch Italian, Norwegian, Icelanders and different tribes of Indians. The Icelanders seemed to be from different departments 2 men that got in, said they belonged to a company of 7 men & 3 women that had been awakened by the sound of a Trumpet another in a young woman crying for trumpets

There was a negro chd. a pic crying for his mother in a woman by 50 years old.

There was a girl about 3 or 4 years of age crying for its mother

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" 21 and they were told to come to America - that they lived in the State of Ohio at this time, about 4 days journey N. E. of us - that some of them had been here several times - felt comfortable with us in meeting but could not keep this feeling when they went away, nor could not get a good understanding as they could not talk or understand English. These 2 were brothers - one of them could talk English, this afforded an opportunity to converse with them and give them an understanding why we felt happy & why they felt happy when they came among us, but could not keep it after they left us; - the one that could speak English soon got an understanding & confessed his sins and said he would go home & inform the rest what he had found. - They would both talk together very fluently in a tongue unknown to us - the interpreter would sometimes tell what his comrades said in English. These northern people are very much

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21. given to sliding over the floor as if it were ice. There was a woman this evening with us who was quite dexterous at it — her name was Clarimba. She was from a different company from those above mentioned — she said her company was about 100 who were drowned in a ship, when they went out pleasuring a storm sunk them.

The man that could speak English said his name was Voreon Catenco, & his comrade was his brother — he said his Father ~~did~~ died when he was 22 years old & that he was now 44 — he said that he himself was not out of the body and when he was asked how old he was when he died, he replied that he had not died, & that he reckoned no one could die without knowing it or be alive without knowing it. much of this conversation took place after the meeting, this evening after the singing meeting in a small meeting that

Eve. We had an Indian this evening who called himself Peckland; he kept reasoning the younger Cleland. I should him about, because, as he said he would not be

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21. was extremely animated & full of divine inspiration. At the close of meeting they 2 Icelandic men were told that they might go home - they forthwith tumbled back on the floor & departed, after

They gave us a good deal of their understanding of things, that is the one that could talk English - We asked him how he came to talk English? he said he could not tell any thing how he came to be able. He said this evening that they had had a good man at their house. his name was Sheorge, that is Geo. Washington.

This is a little of what I heard

But such marvelous wonders as we continually witness cannot be well written.

Wed. 24. There was a good deal of exercise this evening; & sound real power of God.

Wood getting continues yet, I was helping saw to day - a great deal cut.

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Sab. 28 The weather being stormy we had our meeting at home to day. meetings moderate

" This evening after singing meeting we had a time of lively exercise, & a flow of the power of God — departed spirits entered in number — there were 2 Icelandic women Chloremba, who had been here before was one, — and the other did not tell her name. There was a French countess here who has been here several times before she calls herself Permelia, she was quite loving & friendly.

Two brethren had spirits whom we did not know — they could not speak a word in English, nor did not seem to understand us — one finally got to sliding on the floor, by this we inferred that he was an Icelander or some Northern tribe — he talked some considerable in an unknown tongue to us. The other talked much & sung considerable, while talking with him he pointed south once or twice, by which

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Sab. 28. we supposed his country was South his tongue was extremely rapid & voluble he delivered 2 or 3 pretty lengthy discourses one of which he fell on his knees and spake in a most singular kind of pathetic tone as if nearly crying – he took or blow his trumpet & put his hands on his breast and continued his plaintive speech for a considerable time – It seemed to indicate to us that he had heard the trumpet sounding Angels & was overwhelmed by sore conviction. As soon as he delivered this discourse he droped on the floor & departed, a stranger.

Not long before he left us he got one of the Bro. to unite with him in a singular kind of motion, he would walk up making the Brethren till they could touch foreheads, & then turn & act back a Sevarate[sic] & recontinued for some time.

Mon. 29. Martin Carey, a young believer removes to the South (2d. order) to day, and is expected to work at Shoe making – from the West Brick N. family. Born May 9th 1819.

Wed. 31. Removed the Waggon house & horse stable to day, out of the way of the new house moved on sliders.

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Sat. 3. Had a happy living meeting - sundry gifts & visions

Sab. 4 Rainy - had meetings at home the gifts of power & inspiration were present as usual - some good words were delivered from the Angel of peace. - One went off in vision & saw many heavenly things; & also went to Water Vliet N. York. &c.

Mon. 5. Brethren begin to draw some saw towards the new building

Tues. 6. Elder Samuel Russell arrives here

Sat. 10 E. Br. Edwin & Joseph Agnew arrives

Sab. 11. Good chh. meeting - Elder Samuel & E. Br Edwin & Joseph Agnew with us. We had several powerful messages by inspiration One was extremely long & powerful, setting forth in awful colours the mighty judgments of God upon the wicked - East W. N & S. and above all upon sinners in Zion

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Sab. 11. We also had some foreign spirits who got possession of borrowed tenements. The lengthy message alluded to was from the Angel of Power - Some heard mighty Trumpets sounding &c. We had an Icelandic woman named Sim-bopy.

" This evening at the close of singing meeting, an active kind of exercise commenced and the power of God soon was diffused among the people & several became inspired & acted for departed spirits - We had 2 or 3 Squaws of the Shawnee tribe 2 Icelandic men - And a Peruvian young chief of 35 - his name was Velonca Harmona - he had been here once or twice before - danced with us & spoke very affecting in his own tongue but we could not understand him; this time, however, he was blessed with speech in Eng. & he gave us his history in short - he had heard a most frightful sound of a trumpet that alarmed him dreadfully; he at length saw the

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man who made the sound approaching and he told them or him that he must go north where he would find a people that served the great spirit — so he proceeded north as far as he could get & concluded that this was the people — asked if this was heaven? and many singular expressions — He said it was George Washington who sounded the Trumpet & that he walked on the water — We had a Shawnee chief named Conalisteno. She was very sociable.

Wed. 14 This evening 3 sisters were taken possession of by departed spirits; one was an Irish girl of 20 years old Named Margaret Bame, from Dublin, raised a Roman catholic they were lately disturbed by the sound of a trumpet and a number of them crossed the ocean in a ship to America to see if they could not better their condition. She saw a man of our appearance whose name was George since she came to America.

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14. She talked the Irish brogue completely. She was asked how long since she died? and she replied, why you alarm me! to talk about my being dead! H. She said there were a number more came with her, some were of the nobility; but she said that herself was of the middling order.

There was a Pequod Squaw who got possession of another - a most affecting sight - She said the Pale faces had killed her father, mother, brother's & sisters and she escaped & hid herself, & lived for a time on roots - she had worne out her fingers digging & scratching for something to eat, but finally starved to death. She was afraid of the whites, but she said Shiney George told her that these people would not hurt her. The sisters got her some victuals and she eat as tho' she had been starved sure enough.

Another one had an Icelandic Spirit who had been here before named Cyrene.

Thurs. 15. Ministry go to White Water - visit

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Satur. 17. Three little girls were admitted into the chh. (1st order) of the name of Sevens.

" 17 This evening we had a good many gifts in meeting. We had an Indian Chief who appeared to be a stranger — he danced very active. — after meeting he was taken into the Elder's room and talked considerably, but evaded answering every question that would lead, or might lead to the discovery of who ~~he was~~ he was. We gave him victuals & he ate very hearty — said he was hungry & that big shiny George told him to come here & we would give him a Big eat. Promised to tell his name in the morning but by morning he was gone. — He ate meat & ~~milk~~ drank milk alternately & ate other victuals as voraciously as if he had not eaten supper that evening.

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" 17. We had an Irish woman - sister to Margaret Bane or Beem who was here on last Wed. Evening 14th. She was older than Margaret, but got into a younger person said she had been married to Hammond had 1 child Henry whom she trotted on her knee - talked the Irish dialect very hard. Neither of these had any idea that they had ever died.

There was also a Squaw in this meeting and a Shaplander - a woman

We received a weighty message or warning thro' an inspired one - to prepare, prepare to meet God - to rid out all evil - that there were things which ought to come to light & be put away. - Hardness - wrong feelings & thoughts which should all come to light before it is too late.

Sab. 18. There were a number of gifts & manifestations of the power of God in church meeting to day - a good deal of exercise

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Sab. 18. and some messages. — Elderess Betsey sent 2 or 3 messages or blessings — one was a cup of charity to each one in 4 low bows. Blessings were showered upon us, or offered freely. 2 or 3 fell — one talked considerably in a very fluent unknown tongue. ○ 46. 46. 46. 46. After meeting I learnt, & afterwards saw, that we had 2 Irish women who came home with us — One was Katharine Bamford & the other Fanny Mc. Rowley — The latter a young woman (about 23) was of the poor class in Ireland — had come to America, she said, in consequence of some disturbance in Ireland, but afterwards acknowledged that she heard a trumpet sound & that awakened her one morning after a good night's sleep — this however she had not intended to tell, but was induced to tell it by hearing that many others had come here by the same means — She talked in the broad Irish dialect and was an acute shrewd woman —

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Feb. 18. There was a lengthy Dialogue entered between her & some others of us relative to her state of existence; She had no idea that she was a departed spirit who had returned & borrowed a body, or rather placed in a body by the agency who brot her; - this she said sounded like witchery but after the point had been strongly argued & a great many proofs adduced she gave way so far as to say that she would find out before she came again, & that she would watch the owner of the body when she left it to see if she returned & took it. She said she was very much obliged to the Lady who had been so kind as to lend her a body (if it was so) She asked if we would please to tell her what the lady's name was - as she must be cleverer than she was, for she thought she would not give up her body that way. She said she was conveyed here by a large woman, this was a very good reason why she could not tell what she might get known to gather HER clothes &c. she was told that she might get known to gather HER clothes &c. she was told that she might get known to gather HER clothes &c. she was told that

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Sab. 18. turned to be Mother Ruth — we told her that Mother R. would tell her when she returned, all about matters. some tried to get her to look in the glass & see if she had her own body — this I thought rather disgusted her to think that people would talk thus to one in possession of their own body And so it went on &c.

This evening at the close of general singing meeting at the 1st order, We had a scene of exercise & gifts that was quite too complicated to be disentangled — The spirits that came & got in were mostly Indians & perhaps some Icelanders — and one stranger who talked a rapid smooth language that sounded some like French but as he could not talk English we could not find him out.

The Indians skipped & danced like spirits sure enough.

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Sab. 18. I have since learnt that there were English & Welch in some this evening, & it is thought that spirits were hardly ever seen as thick especially among the sisters as on this evening

Mon. 19. Elder Samuel Russell started home this morning via. Water Vliet — D. Irving and Peter Boyd accompanied him to Dayton

" " This evening we had some exercise in meeting, & several were operated upon And Sister delivered a very fervent discourse of some kind in an unknown tongue & she appeared unable to talk in English.

We have since learnt that this spirit was the ancient Queen Vashti,

Tues. 20. Vashti was here again to day, and she was quite interesting — had a number of her people with — She wept much that none of her people knew that there was a God — knew nothing but idols of gold &c.

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Tues. 20. She herself had learnt that there was a God from a jewish maid. The gospel of Christ & mother, what little she heard of it, she went to the meeting room where her people were & preached it to them — this did not take place in meeting.
She had never heard of Jesus Christ before. She followed a sister about to day until she got admittance & unburdened her mind; after which she retired & left her borrowed room. Once while she was in the sisters tenement, she looked into the looking glass & exclaimed, la! it ant me.

Thurs 22. This evening we had Vashti again in meeting, She was quite cheerful; and one of her nation also found entrance into a sister — who said that Queen Esther told her that Vashti was here — her name was,

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Thurs. 22. King Philip also was here to night he danced & sprung about very actively talked aloud to his Indians that came with him in his own tongue complained that none of them could get into skins — tried to urge some of the brethren to admit them

" 22. This evening Brother Jesse L. and Ebenezer Rice came from Whitewater & brought up Lovina Jackson who is to make her home here in the Chh. 2d. order

Frid. 23. Ministry return home from W. Water

Sat. 24. Our evening meeting was quite lively a good deal of exercise & some Inspiration. We had an Arab — a very rough boisterous creature — he strutted & stamped over the floor in a most ridiculous manner — demanded if we worshipped the great Prophet? (Mahomet)

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Sat. 24 Said our worship looked like children's play — spoke quite contemptuously of Jesus Christ; — after a short conversation he departed. He was asked how he come to get here? he answered that he heard a Trumpet — He was informed that the one who sounded the trumpet was Jesus Christ &c.

There was an Inspired Sister who gave a solemn & weighty message or rather spoke for an Angel who brought it; Who said he was sent to the 4 corners of the earth with a Phial of wrath in one hand & a Sword in the other to execute the judgments of God on the wicked — This day he had been started from Mother Wisdom to deliver a warning to this Lion on earth, saying, that evil was concealed in her & that he had been called to mark the transgressions of sound, since the time that Mother Wisdom had set

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24. her mark upon them — and that if they did not put away their evils they would be removed out of Zion & the mark of Wisdom would be no more to be seen on them &c. &c.

Vashti the Queen was also here to-night, & requested a privilege to come to meeting with a number of her people on the morrow — granted.

Sab. 25. There was great power & many gifts of the Spirit in Chh. meeting to day — we received various messages & blessings from Angels & departed Spirits — some warnings &c.

There were several departed Spirits that came & got possession — There were 2 Romans — Seneca the Ancient Philosopher, & a Roman Officer who was in Titus' army at the taking of Jerusalem Seneca came home with us and there was a good deal of pains taken to inform him of what was among Believers

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Sab. 25. he said George Washington had seen him & had talk & advised him to come here — that George told him that he himself had read Seneca's morals and was benefited by it — but that there was more something greater, & he desired him to be a partaker — He stayed till after supper, & finally confessed his sins, & shortly departed.

This evening after singing meeting we had a lively scene of Exercise & Spiritual gifts — We had one Negro spirit, a Congoese named Zebo, brother to Quimbo who had been here once or twice before & confessed his sins — Zebo, after considerable investigation confessed his sins. There was also an Indian supposed to be the chief called Whip-poor-will he declined telling his name & soon fell down & departed — And the Instrument arose possessed of a Mahometan Arab who was here last night — he spoke a

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Feb. 25. little large at first about his Prophet & rather slighty of christ & christianity but he finally admitted that he had been deceived by Mahomet, & that they had never received what he had promised them, that he had left the body 6 or 7 hundred years ago, & had never seen Mahomet nor received his promises — & that he now had nothing to hold to. — He had ben awakened by a sound & he saw a light here & had come hither — one George he said he had seen & talked with — he was a clever man &c. &c.

Truly Geo. Washington is a great herald in the Spiritual word — many tell of being awakened & led here by Br. George.

There was another foreigner got into a brother to night which we supposed was a Peruvian Indian, he acted similar to one we had here, but we could get no English out of him.

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Sab. 25. We also received a powerful message from Elderess Betsey H. thro" an Inspired Sister — part of which painted in glowing Style the blessings & rewards of the faithful, & the other part pourtrayed the fate of the unfaithful & unbelieving in terms equally vivid. There was some new songs sung by the Inspired ones, & 1 or 2 learned.

Mon. 26. Turn out to cut & saw wood for 2 days,

~~Tuesday~~. ~~Wednesday~~, a ~~[illegible]~~ great ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~

Thurs. 29. Daniel Boyd starts to N. Orleans via. Cincin. Hands working at the cornices of New house, that is, dressing off the materials —

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Fri. 1. O. Leivers took away his 3 children in great rage.

Sat. 2. Stake off the ground for the cellar of the Great House

Sab. 3. Eliza Meeum's 2d. husband & Daughter Adeline, with a drunken ruffian came here to take away little Nancy Meeum — Failed.

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3. Church meeting to day abounded with several warning messages by inspiration as we often have nowadays - concerning the near approach of the judgments of God - & warning Zion to prepare to meet great sufferings & tribulation -

This evening after singing meeting we had a great flow of gifts - We had a most eloquent message from an angel of considerable length - ~~it~~ He declared that we would see the time that we drop what we now felt in abundance, would be very sweet. & &

Manitweeah the Blackfoot chief paid us another visit to night - he was very happy & danced & sing some beautiful songs. There was also a Romanbere one of Titus' officers who said 1000 Roman Spirits came with him. We had many Squaws Choctaws & others - They sung & danced very finely & indeed pretty - We learnt 2 or 3 of their songs. It was truly delightful to see the Young so fed in the gifts of God.

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Thurs. 7. Broke ground to day in the cellar of the great House. A. C. H. threw the first shovels full.

Remarkable fine pleasant weather, almost unheard of in Feb. & March.

Sat. 9. Ulest brethren made a general turn out of teams & hands, & gave us a days work in digging our cellar for Pres. House.

" Had a great deal of exercise in meeting this evening; — 1½ hours long — One Indian attended. Several messages were given thro' inspired sisters — they were very soul stirring & to the point — One a present of a basin of living water from Eldress Betsy, for all to drink & wash in who were justified; but none were to partake who had used hard words &c. And had not put it away — Another announced that the blessings of heaven were showering down upon us — Another said 4 bright angels brought us a treasure to support us when the days of tribulation & persecution should Roll on &c. Another fell & said after meeting — perhaps in vision.

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Sab. 10. A good deal of power in chh. meeting and 2 or 3 warnings were given to Zion of the near approach of the judments of God on the wicked. The principal one was from the ancient Enoch, a man of God; and a shorter one from Father David. There was love &c. from various departed spirits. There were also some departed spirits got into bodies. — There was one indian & I believe some Squaws; and 2 of the Pilgrim women Sophia & another — expressed their thanks for their privilege in the gospel. &c.

This evening after singing meeting there was some sharp exercise — one of the girls became possessed of a squaw or a young squaw — She told the lad & danced cross-footed quite lively. But the most singular ~~was~~ guest we had this evening was Ibrahim Ali, an arabian Mahometan. He was quite bigoted in favor of his great prophet & was quite loth to hear of any thing else being good. He said he had heard a great blast of a trumpet which made him uneasy & set him to traveling — he supposed it to be sounded by his Prophet. He came on a white horse — had no idea of being out of the body

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Sab. 10. held Christians in great contempt—
would allow no one to touch him—
on one occasion he washed his hands
in the saw-dust of the Spit box,
after touching one of our hands—this
was used as a substitute for the a
substitute for sand, we supposed,
which the Arabians use as a substitute
for water to wash with.

Mon. 11. Ministry start for Water Vliet, Sr. Nancy
goes with them—Sr. Naomi is sick at home.

Wed. 13. Warm meeting this evening, many Indian
Spirits came & got into the Brethren & Sisters
Talahoosaw a Tuscaro chief came & had a fine
dance & told the bad.
Mac-bon-fee-ah, a Blackfoot Indian of
Manitoueah's tribe, a powerful fellow to dance
& hollow; he told the bad too.
We had an Arabian Mahometan, but could not
do any thing with him—he left so.
There were several Squaws,—1 Sioux; Two
Shawnees; and Niskaett a Pequod.
The meeting was very animated & powerful

Thurs. 14. James Ball, Jethro Boyd & Isaac Newton
Remove to Union Village from Waterviliet, James
to the 2d. order, Isaac to N. home & Jethro to 2d. family.

Sat. 16 "John Babbit removes to water Vliet from 2nd. Ch.
to the 1st Elder in 1st. Ball's place.

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Tues. 20. William Phillips & Moses Eastwood remove from Waterliet to the chh. Union Village — William to the 2d order & Moses to the 1st order N. house.

Sab. 17. Rainy day, no chh. meeting. — We had singing meeting in the evening with the North family and had many beautiful gifts of the power of God. There were 5 new songs sung by Inspiration they were mostly Indian songs. & all (almost) kept. there were a good many departed spirits came & got possession of brethren & sisters & sung their pretty songs through them: I could not collect all the Indians names conveniently — There were two Mohawks — a Pequot — a Winebago chiefs 2 Blackfoot Indians — but I cannot tell all.

Mar. 26 "Marcus Flint returned from the West to the Church.

Sat. 23d " This evening Tallahassaw the Tuscarora chief attended meeting with us again & seemed very happy. There was also another Indian a kind of outcast — had no home — had been long a wanderer alone — he told a pitiful story of his forlorn lonely condition & wept — not knowing where to go next when he left here. But Talahassaw kindly offered to take him home with him & give him a home accordingly they rec'd love, & fell down & departed.